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Crowding Fears Spur Grad Housing Cuts

By Frank Dabek
NEWS EDITOR

Tang Hall will house an additional 72 undergraduates this fall, amid growing fears of a poor rush caused by negative media coverage of living groups during the past year.

This decision follows a move this spring to open an estimated 70 spots in Tang, which is normally reserved for graduate students. Floors two through nine of Tang will now house around 140 rising juniors and seniors, said Linda L. Patton, director of graduate planning.

However, the housing of undergraduates in Tang is intended to be a temporary situation, Patton said. For undergraduates who choose to move to Tang, housing will only be guaranteed for two semesters so that graduate students may return to the space, Patton said.

Fears of slow rush fuel move

The decision was a result of "continually evaluating the information that is available" and is based on the question of how to best provide for new students, said Andrew M. Eisenmann '75, associate dean for Residence Life and Student Life Programs

MIT is "making our best guess" based mainly on anecdotal information from incoming students, their parents, and rush chairs that pointed to "more students being more likely to choose to live in residence halls."

By creating additional spaces in the on campus housing system, MIT is able "to bring our freshmen [to the Institute] in as positive a way as possible," he said. The additional spaces maintain all of the housing choices available to freshmen, Eisenmann said.

Graduate concerns addressed

Brian J. Schneider G, president of the Graduate Student Council, said that he was informed of the possibility of moving additional undergraduates into Tang on July 17.

"We understand that the administration is in a difficult position," Schneider said. While acknowledging that the housing system "can only crowd underclassmen so much before you spill into graduate housing," Schneider said that the GSC "wants to make sure graduate students are accommodated."

Chancellor Lawrence S. Bacow '72 and several other administrators met with members of the GSC on July 27. At the meeting, Bacow laid out principles governing the use of graduate housing space for undergraduates including honoring graduate housing commitments and providing financial relief to those affected.

Other possibilities for replacing lost graduate housing were also discussed. These included leasing space from the alumni corporation of Phi Gamma Delta, a plan which would depend on obtaining a new housing license for the property from the Boston Licensing Board, which suspended the license for the property last year.

In addition, several FSILGs have

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CHUN HUA ZHENG—THE TECH

Pianist Elaine Chew and cellist Michael Bonner perform Beethoven's Clarinet Trio, Op. 38.

BTP Partiers Stage Rooftop Beer Attack on Police; House Now Dry

By Susan Buchman
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

In the latest in a series of alcohol related incidents at MIT fraternities, Boston University police officers were pelted with beer cans thrown from the roof of Beta Theta Pi. As a result of the incident, BTP will be alcohol free until 1999 and faces other sanctions.

According to the Boston University Police Department report from the July 17 incident, "Police Officer [James] Barry was pelted with glass/cans of beer as he exited his cruiser ascending the rear fire exit stairs in pursuit of the offenders." Boston University police, who were later assisted by the Boston Police Department, made their way to the top of the roof where they discovered two kegs and a keg tap.

According to the Boston Police incident report, "further investigation in a common room in the building revealed two City of Boston parking meters, one bong pipe, and one double edged knife which were seized as contraband. Police assisted approximately 50 individuals in leaving the roof area of 119 Bay State and through the house to the street below."

BTP pleads guilty to IFC charges

The Interfraternity Council Judicial Committee charged BTP with three violations of the IFC policy on risk management. BTP plead guilty to all the charges and focused on demonstrating that the fraternity brothers had been unaware of the party and were taking steps to prevent further such incidents.

Robert N. Tunick '99, a representative from the fraternity, said "we acknowledge that a premise control issue exists" but insisted that "no Betas were present, no Betas purchased or consumed alcohol."

The BPD report states, however, that "Officer Graf of the BUPD wa able to identify one James Burnell Williams ...as the individual who had purchased the beer. Williams had admitted such to the officer during the investigation." Williams '99 is a member of BTP.

The representatives of the fraternity also testified that it was not unreasonable that none of the brothers had realized the summer residents were throwing a party on the roof deck. Brothers cited numerous reasons for being unaware of the party until soon before the police arrived, ranging from loud music in their rooms to being in the fraternity's annex.

Fraternity sanctioned

Following the guilty plea, the committee ruled that BTP must be completely alcohol free on all its property until September 7, 1999. In addition, one third of the summer residents next year must be members of the fraternity.

At least ninety percent of the members and pledges of BTP must perform 30 hours of community service by December 19. The fraternity was also levied a fine of $1,000.

Erv Johnson, Director of Communications for BTP's national organization, said that the national fraternity suspended BTP's charter for a year on July 30. "When we suspend [a chapter], the chapter has no inherent authority to act as a chapter; we turn everything over to the alumni."

The national fraternity will also convene a review board to determine the future status of the chapter.

Johnson said that he expects the chapter to cooperate fully with the Institute and the IFC. The BTP national has required that the chapter attend alcohol awareness pro-

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Kevin P. Chao '01

Kevin P. Chao '01, 19, died July 24 in Portage, Mich. in a fatal car accident.

Chao and a friend, Benjamin A. Kalleward, were traveling at least 80 miles an hour when Chao lost control of his vehicle. The car left the road and hit several trees before stopping, the *Kalamazoo Gazette* reported. Alcohol was reportedly not a factor in the crash.

Although the air bags in the 1997 Pontiac Firebird deployed, both men were pronounced dead at the scene. Both had been wearing seat belts.

Chao, a resident of Burton-Conner House, was spending the summer in his hometown working at the Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center, where he had attended high school. Kalleward, who also attended the center, had finished his freshman year at Case Western Reserve University.

At the Institute, Chao was a member of the lightweight freshman crew team and was also a production staff member of *The Tech*.

Friends of Chao at Burton-Conner remembered him for his humility and his kindness. "I don't think anybody could say anything bad about him because he was so caring. He would do anything for me," said Janet J. Hsieh '01, who also was on the crew team.

"What was most distinctive to me was his humility," said Anne M. Hunter, administrator for the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and Chao's freshman adviser. "He wa s a really charming, nice guy."

FRESHMAN PICTURE BOOK

Kevin P. Chao '01

"He could pick up things amazingly quick," said Lawrence P. Chao '98, Kevin's older brother. "He was never content with just sitting around," he told the *Gazette*.

At Burton-Conner, Chao was "always very effervescent, very energetic and always smiling," said Michael P. Harms G, Chao's graduate resident tutor. Chao served as the athletic chair of his floor.

He also served as the vending coordinator of the dormitory, being in charge of obtaining video game equipment for common areas. "He was very good-natured" when problems arose, Harms said.

Chao often wondered about the potential job

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The first $18,000 of the 50K large-event fund will support a weeklong series of events devoted to cultural awareness and public service.

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Building 20 clears its last hurdle to demolition.

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FSILGs begin working towards finding Resident Advisers for the fall as questions remain about details of the program.

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WORLD & NATION

Treasury Official Says Asia Has Hurdles Ahead on Economy

THE WASHINGTON POST

MILWAUKEE

Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence H. Summers told the nation's governors Tuesday that Asia has many hurdles to overcome before its economic health is restored and asked the nation's governors to press Congress to approve additional U.S. funding for the International Monetary Fund.

Summers, the Clinton administration's top expert on the Asian problem, said the spillover effects have infected other economies, including Russia's and South Africa's, and threaten that of the United States.

Summers praised the governors' earlier support for the new IMF funding. But, he warned that the IMF is so strapped for funds that it cannot move rapidly to deal with future crises, which "makes future problems more likely."

The administration seeks an additional $18 billion, but the issue has been stalled in the GOP-controlled Congress, where some conservatives are pushing for significant IMF reforms.

Former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger pointedly criticized IMF officials for failing to take into account the political impact of their economic prescriptions in the affected countries. "It does not help political leaders to be presented with solutions that undermine their political situation," he said.

Kissinger, while praising Summers and Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin for their efforts to stabilize Asian and other economies, said the United States has been "solving the symptoms but not dealing in my view with the fundamentals" that afflict many nations. "The IMF was never designed to restructure the whole world," he said.

Marxist Rebels Bid Farewell to Colombian President thru Violence

LOS ANGELES TIMES

VALLEDUPAR, COLOMBIA

Marxist rebels bade farewell to Columbian President Ernesto Samper in attacks beginning late Monday that encompassed half this country's provinces and left at least 34 combatants dead and scores wounded.

Two of Latin America's oldest guerrilla groups marked the last week of the beleaguered president's term by attacking the main port city and firing mortars at a major anti-drug base, officials said, as well as by repeating terrorist tactics that have become almost routine in the violence-torn nation, such as wrecking oil installations and blocking highways.

Colombians were dismayed by the show of force because both guerrilla groups have agreed to talk peace with President-elect Andres Pastrana, who will take office Friday amid widespread hopes for a new, more conciliatory era.

"This is very serious for the peace process," police commander Gen. Rosso Jose Serrano told reporters Tuesday. "The guerrillas owe an explanation to the country." As of late Tuesday, the insurgents had not yet issued communiques to explain their actions.

In the latest round of bloodshed, at least 28 members of the police and army died as the insurgents blasted army bases with rockets and mortars, set off car bombs and attacked villages. Six rebels also were killed, officials said. Radio stations were reporting seven civilians dead, but those figures could not be confirmed. Six police officers were captured by the rebels, and another 25 soldiers and police officers were missing and feared to be in rebel hands.

Yosemite, Five Counties Agree on Bus Plan to Ease Traffic

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Voting to create a regional transit system, officials of Yosemite National Park and the five adjacent counties have taken the first official steps toward solving the increasingly serious problem of traffic congestion in Yosemite Valley. The officials voted Monday to establish a bus system that could transport more than 800,000 visitors a year by the end of the next decade.

"For the first time in 20 years of talking and planning, we have a series of steps toward creating a regional transportation system that elected officials from gateway communities can sign onto," said Chip Jenkins, chief of strategic planning and partnerships for the park.

"What was accepted yesterday was a phased-in plan for a system that will lead to a handful of buses bringing in people. Hopefully, five years from now, as we ramp this up, there will be an appreciable decrease in the amount of traffic in the valley," he said.

Scheduled to begin as a pilot project next summer from early June through Labor Day, the bus service will never rid the valley of cars, as some transit advocates have hoped. Indeed, the buses, which will run hourly from the park's main entrance and four to six times a day from other locations, aren't expected to carry more than 75,000 to 80,000 summer visitors next year.

WEATHER

Sunny Days Roll On

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

The wonderful weather of the past week is likely to continue into the weekend, with a small system passing through tomorrow providing the only cloudy interruption to the sunshine.

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Top White House Attorney Appears Before Grand Jury

By Peter Baker and Susan Schmidt

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

A top White House lawyer went before the grand jury investigating President Clinton's ties to Monica S. Lewinsky Tuesday but refused to answer certain questions, prompting another round of legal jousting with independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr, according to sources familiar with the closed proceedings.

White House special counsel Lanny A. Breuer showed up at the federal courthouse to testify about two hours after Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist refused an emergency White House request to intervene and temporarily block his appearance Tuesday morning.

Breuer, who has coordinated much of the White House damage-control efforts related to the Lewinsky investigation, spent about five hours with the grand jury. He answered some questions related to the case while declining to discuss subjects that he and his colleagues asserted are covered by attorney-client privilege, the sources said.

At the end of the afternoon, Breuer, his private attorney, fellow White House lawyers and a pair of Starr deputies convened for nearly an hour behind closed doors with Chief U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson. Johnson, who is overseeing the Starr probe, previously has rejected White House claims of attorney-client privilege in the Lewinsky case and the White House had been braced for another rebuff, likely to be followed by another set of appeals, possibly all the way up to Rehnquist again.

But the day ended without any public indication of additional appeals and a legal source said Breuer plans to be at the courthouse again at 10 a.m. Wednesday. Breuer declined to discuss the situation Tuesday. Asked how he felt being the subject of such a high-profile battle, he joked, "I'm honored."

The developments were the latest in what appear to be increasingly futile attempts by the Clinton administration to prevent Starr from interrogating people close enough to the president to know about his relationship with Lewinsky. One by one, Starr has secured court rulings affirming his right to question senior presidential aides, Secret Service officers and now White House lawyers.

What remains uncertain is how important that testimony will be, especially now that Clinton and Lewinsky have both agreed to provide their own accounts to Starr. The White House suggested in legal papers filed at the Supreme Court on Monday and made public Tuesday that such witnesses may be peripheral at this point.

"The publicly announced recent agreements (Starr's office) has concluded for the testimony of the President and Ms. Lewinsky will ensure that the grand jury will hear the evidence relating to the merits of the investigation while this important legal issue is being resolved," wrote attorney W. Neil Eggleston, the private lawyer who is representing the White House in the attorney-client fight. "Indeed, it is quite likely that (Starr's office) may obtain from the President some, if not all, of the factual information it has sought to date from White House counsel."

On the other hand, third-party witnesses may help resolve what promises to be a fundamental clash between the versions of events provided by Clinton and Lewinsky.

Lewinsky has told prosecutors that she will testify that she had a sexual relationship with the president and that they discussed ways of disguising that during the Paula Jones lawsuit, according to legal sources. Clinton testified in the Jones case and repeated on national television that he never had sexual relations with Lewinsky, and aides said he has no intention of changing his account when he testifies from the White House on Aug. 17.

Still, it is not clear that Clinton would have confided any intimate secrets to Breuer. Starr appears to want to ask Breuer and other White House lawyers about their damage-control strategy sessions early in the investigation and about their attempts to interview grand jury witnesses or their private attorneys.

Starr argued in his own brief filed at the Supreme Court that any further postponements would not be in the national interest. "The costs of delay here extend beyond the adverse effects on an important investigation," he wrote. "The Nation is entitled to its prompt conclusion."

Rehnquist agreed there was no reason to delay Breuer's testimony. In an oral order Tuesday morning, he declined to issue a temporary order blocking Breuer's grand jury appearance while the White House asks the full Supreme Court to hear the question of whether attorney-client privilege applies to government lawyers working for the president. An appeals court agreed with Johnson that it does not.

Ethnic Albanians Fill Camps As War Rages On in Kosovo

By R. Jeffrey Smith

THE WASHINGTON POST

VRBOVC, YUGOSLAVIA

The sound of crying children comes from nearly every corner of the small field where more than 110 ethnic Albanians are camped outdoors in this remote mountainous area of Kosovo and swirls in the air with the noises of sheep and cows grazing at a nearby stream. But all of the adults are silent, from exhaustion and obvious desperation.

Many of those in the encampment have been here for a day or two, but more women and children arrive every few minutes on open carts pulled by horses or farm tractors.

They have all fled their homes; many have also been chased from the towns they where they had sought sanctuary for the past few months. On the carts are all the worldly possessions they could grab: a few bags of clothing and towels, a suitcase or two, several carpets, maybe a foam mattress folded in half.

Zemrje Ahmete, who is 1-year-old and dressed in a jumper decorated with dalmatians from the Disney movie, refuses to be soothed by her mother, Saebahate. Vitim, a 4-year-old wearing a T-shirt with Tom and Jerry cartoon characters, watches vacantly from the edge of a nearby blanket, hungry and uncomprehending. Their parents say that they fled their home in the nearby village of Izbica on Monday, when government troops shelled the town and then set fire to some of the houses there.

On the 12th day of a massive military operation by troops of the Yugoslav army and Interior Ministry against members and supporters of the ethnic Albanian rebel group known as the Kosovo Liberation Army, the number of refugees is growing and their plight is worsening. Here in the Drenica region, west of the capital of Pristina, tens of thousands who have fled shelling and fires now have little food or fresh water, and no shelter.

Moreover, with the conflict widening each day, there is less and less sanctuary available where they might escape the fighting. Tuesday afternoon, for example, long columns of smoke rose above the hills from Lausa, a village south of here that has long been a stronghold of the Kosovo Liberation Army and the site of one of the rebels' first attacks on Serb policemen last year. The Serb-run government media center in Pristina announced this afternoon that the village, which had been shelled for several days, is now "neutralized."

According to the reports of the refugees interviewed here and in two nearby villages, other battles have taken place in recent days in the Drenica towns of Rezala, Poljance, Morina and Ovocarevo, in which the rebels also suffered setbacks. "They attacked with many forces," said Naim Bardeiqi, a 27-year-old uniformed fighter with the guerrilla group who was helping to treat some of those who were wounded. "It was too much. We tried to resist."

Bardeiqi said that government troops were evidently trying to attack the rebel force from all sides and separate some of its key elements from one another.

He also said that the rebels were doing everything possible to evacuate civilians from towns that come under attack but that in some cases had not fully succeeded, leaving civilians exposed to the fighting. He said that despite the recent losses, the Kosovo Liberation Army would not stop trying to win Kosovo's independence from Serbia until "every soldier is dead." Kosovo is a province of Serbia, Yugoslavia's dominant republic.

Several refugees separately offered identical accounts of assaults that began with shelling and progressed rapidly to the deliberate torching of homes. "They shot at anything," said Myrveta, 19, who fled the nearby village of Baja and took refuge on a mountainside for several hours. There, she was able to see army tanks move along a nearby road along with soldiers who had painted their faces black. "We saw them throwing cans (of gasoline) and burning everything," she said.

"We ran away because they shot at us" with mortars, said Antigone, a 19-year-old from Acarevo who was seated on one of the carts. "Some of the shells were fired just 20 (yards) away. ... We spent two nights in the mountains." Bibe, 24, who was on the same cart, said she too became scared as the shelling came nearer and nearer to her home. "We saw all the houses burned."

Dow Falls 299 Points; Off 9.1 Percentage Points Since July

By Jerry Knight
THE WASHINGTON POST

Stocks fell sharply Tuesday in the second-busiest trading day ever, capping a string of losses that in just 15 trading days has sent the Dow Jones industrial average tumbling from a record high to its lowest level since March.

Five shares fell for every one that rose on the New York Stock Exchange, where 828 million shares were traded. Traders could not pinpoint a single reason for the decline, with many offering explanations that included new gloom over the Asian crisis, concern over corporate earnings and unease over new twists in the White House scandal.

"The sentiment has turned much more negative as people try to understand all the uncertainties out there," said Stephen M. Dalton, who manages $1 billion worth of stocks for First Capital Group, a Philadelphia-based division of First Union Corp.

But the run-up in the Dow average — especially from mid-June to mid-July, when the Japanese government raised hopes it would begin to grapple with the country's recession — has masked a broader weakness in the overall stock market, analysts said.

Indeed, 11 of the 30 Dow stocks have actually fallen this year, including Boeing Co., down 25 percent, and Hewlett-Packard Co., down 17 percent.

Tuesday, the Nasdaq composite index fell 65.44, the second-biggest point drop after Oct. 27's 115-point plunge, closing at 1,785.66. The S&P 500 fell 40.32, to 1,072.12. With the Dow down 9.1 percent from its high, "we have the making of a correction," proclaimed Jeffrey Applegate, chief investment strategist for Lehman Brothers Inc.

A 10 percent drop in stock prices is usually considered a correction that will be followed by a rebound in the market, but the most pessimistic market watchers warned that this could be the end of Wall Street's three and a half-year winning streak.

Prudential Securities technical analyst Ralph Acampora, a noted bull who has been cheerily optimistic through every twist and turn in the market this year, said Tuesday that he had changed his mind and had become convinced stocks could drop another 10 percent.

Many other analysts rejected that forecast, noting that until Tuesday Acampora was predicting the Dow would hit 10,000 by the end of the year.

Dalton said Tuesday's plunge was like hitting a pothole when you're going 60 miles an hour: "Your stomach lurches, but you're not hurt."

Iraq Finds Opportune Time to Spark Showdown Over Sanctions

By Robin Wright
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

On the eighth anniversary of its invasion of Kuwait, Iraq appears determined this week to provoke yet another confrontation with the West over U.N. efforts to rid Baghdad of its deadliest weapons.

Clinton administration officials have long predicted a new showdown as part of President Saddam Hussein's long-running effort to erode the international consensus backing tough economic sanctions against his regime. But the U.S. officials had not expected the trouble to start until this fall, closer to the semiannual review of the sanctions that the United Nations is scheduled to conduct in October.

Hussein, however, may have accelerated his timetable to take advantage of the Clinton administration's preoccupation with domestic scandal and its sagging status in the Middle East because of the long-deadlocked Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, U.S. analysts say.

In the latest development, Iraq surprised both U.S. and U.N. officials Monday by balking at a plan that, ironically, would have expedited the lifting of sanctions. It would have required Baghdad to move up the schedule for handing over the last and potentially most sensitive data on its programs to develop weapons of mass destruction.

On the first day of talks on the plan, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tarik Aziz instead demanded that chief U.N. weapons inspector Richard Butler certify that his work was complete and that Baghdad had eliminated its entire stock of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and ballistic missiles.

The diplomatic skirmish also comes as European allies are focused on recent fighting in the Yugoslav region of Kosovo — and whether NATO should get involved in it.

"It's classic for Saddam to play to half a dozen different crises. The kinds of crises going on now, like last year, give him reason to think there is a distraction," said Judith Yaphe, an Iraq expert at the National Defense University in Washington.

The United States took a firm stand. "We'll let the facts speak for themselves," a senior U.S. official said. "Iraq's obligations are clear. The burden of proof is on the Iraqis, not the U.N." to show it has met the requirements for lifting sanctions.

Amazon.com Buys Two Internet Companies, Broadening Reach

THE WASHINGTON POST

Amazon.com, the biggest bookseller on the Internet, said Tuesday that it will pay $280 million in stock for two other Internet start-up companies, Junglee and PlanetAll. The move is part of Seattle-based Amazon's long-term strategy to be not just a bookstore but also a central online shopping site for many types of goods.

Junglee, a Sunnyvale, Calif., company founded in 1996, has won high marks for its search technology that enables consumers to compare prices of a wide variety of products. So far, the technology has been used by Internet services such as Yahoo, Compaq Computer Corp. and Cnet.

PlanetAll, based in Cambridge, Mass., offers a Web-based address, calendar and reminder service that also works on many hand-held devices, such as the Palm Pilot from 3Com.

According to Jeff Bezos, Amazon's founder and chief executive, the two start-ups will strengthen the services Amazon already offers. "Junglee is about making it easier for people to find the things they'd like to buy online," Bezos said.

Genni Combes, an Internet analyst with investment bank Hambricht & Quist in San Francisco, said, "Amazon wants to be the first place consumers go for e-commerce." Although the company is best known for selling books online, it recently added music compact discs to its wares.

Sergeant Files $10 Million Suit Against Cochran, Firm

LOS ANGELES TIMES

A Los Angeles police sergeant filed a $10 million malicious prosecution suit in federal court Tuesday against attorney Johnnie L. Cochran Jr. and his law firm.

Sgt. Michael Long, 48, was one of seven officers sued by Cochran on behalf of the survivors of a woman who was shot to death by police in 1993 after threatening to kill her 3-year-old son with a knife. Long enabled other officers to wrest the toddler free by firing pepper-spray into the eyes of the distraught mother, Sonji Taylor.

But after he did so, a Police Commission investigation found, Taylor lunged at him with a knife. Taylor and Officer Craig Liedahl, 45, fired at her nine times. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

The district attorney concluded that the shooting, while tragic, was not criminal. The Police Commission reached a similar conclusion, finding that the two officers acted within department policy. Cochran, however, filed a $20 million Superior Court lawsuit against the city and the seven officers. The city settled with the family in 1997, agreeing to pay $2.4 million.

In his federal lawsuit against the Cochran law firm and Taylor's heirs, Long contended that the legal action against him was motivated in part by racial prejudice because he is white and the dead woman was black. He also charged that the plaintiffs and their lawyers harbored "malice, hatred and prejudice" against him because he is a police officer.

Cochran, reached in New York where he hosts a show for Court TV, said he could not comment about the suit because he had not seen it.

Graduate Student Council

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Tanglewood Trip

The Tanglewood trip will be on Sunday, August 23 from 8 am to 8 pm. The concert will feature the Boston Symphony Orchestra with Yan Pascal Tortelier conducting and Mischa Maisky as guest soloist on cello. The price of the ticket is $25 and will include the bus trip, the concert, and lunch. Tickets will be available starting August 3 in the GSC Office in Walker Memorial (50-220) Monday-Friday 10 am - 5 pm. If you have any questions about this trip, please contact Constance Lai at con@mit.edu. The featured pieces will be:

BERLIOX Overture to "Beatrice et Benedict"
ELGAR Cello Concert
RAVEL 'Mother Goose' Suite
MILHAUD 'Le Boeuf sur le toit'

Tanglewood

1998 Graduate Student Career Fair

The Academics, Research, & Careers committee is currently soliciting resumes for the 1998 Graduate Career Fair. Resumes can be submitted to the GSC office (50-220) any time until Sept. 18 and we are accepting both hard copies and electronic versions. One page is allowed for masters students and two pages for Ph.D. candidates. More information can be found at: http://www.mit.edu/activities/gsc/CareerFair/students.html or by emailing gsc-careerfair@mit.edu.

Calendar

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09 General Council Meeting *

* at 5:30pm in Room 50-220.
All graduate students are welcome. Food is provided.

OPINION

Letters To The Editor

Saxena Reaches Dangerous Conclusions

Vishal Saxena's recent column ["Models and Paradigms for Accepting Cultures," July 8] makes some dangerous claims, principally involving the issue of relativism. While I thoroughly support his enthusiasm for open communication and curiosity among cultures, I am one of many individuals who believe that our reality is not limited to clever engineering approximations and the human desire for explanation of natural phenomena.

Saxena describes education as simply "a way of teaching us the paradigms that work." Certainly, this is true about engineering, but any student or former student who has ever had a class in which discussion was encouraged would disagree emphatically with that statement. To a large extent, education, ranging from logic to literature, is about a search for a greater truth which applies to all of humanity. Additionally, the conclusion that human disagreements are simply differences in paradigm is not evident; this conclusion suggests that all disagreements are meaningless since no parties involved have any reason to believe that any single paradigm is true.

Certainly, axioms, such as the notion that the whole is always greater than any constituent part, do not restrict mathematics to a "science," complete with experimentation and correction. The derivation of all of mathematics from universal, self-evident principles may be difficult, but it is possible. The notion that all of human knowledge is limited to models is reminiscent of the popular catchphrase "perception is reality," which is a poignant example of how frustrated individuals and societies tend to minimize the importance or significance of that which they cannot fully comprehend.

Perhaps the reason why the "paradigm" of a flat earth expired in modern science is because the earth really is round, and not solely because it enables us to more effectively solve problems of celestial mechanics.

Geoffrey Goodell '01

Indonesian Actions Cruel, Inhumane

The recent atrocity against the ethnic Chinese in Indonesia is inhumane. During the spread of riots throughout Indonesia, many Chinese Indonesians have been tortured, killed, and burnt to death. Their houses and shops have been looted and burnt. Hundreds of Chinese Indonesian women and girls as young as 11 years old were gang-raped in public by organized indigenous Indonesian gangs with alleged links to security forces. Human rights and women's aid groups have received telephone threats and even a hand grenade in the mail as a warning to stop the investigations and their aid to victims. So far, little has been done by the Indonesian government.

On Friday, we will remember those who have suffered in this struggle. We call on everyone with a sense of peace and justice to support the Chinese Indonesians.

Cheng Wang G
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Board Members
Chinese Students and Scholars Association

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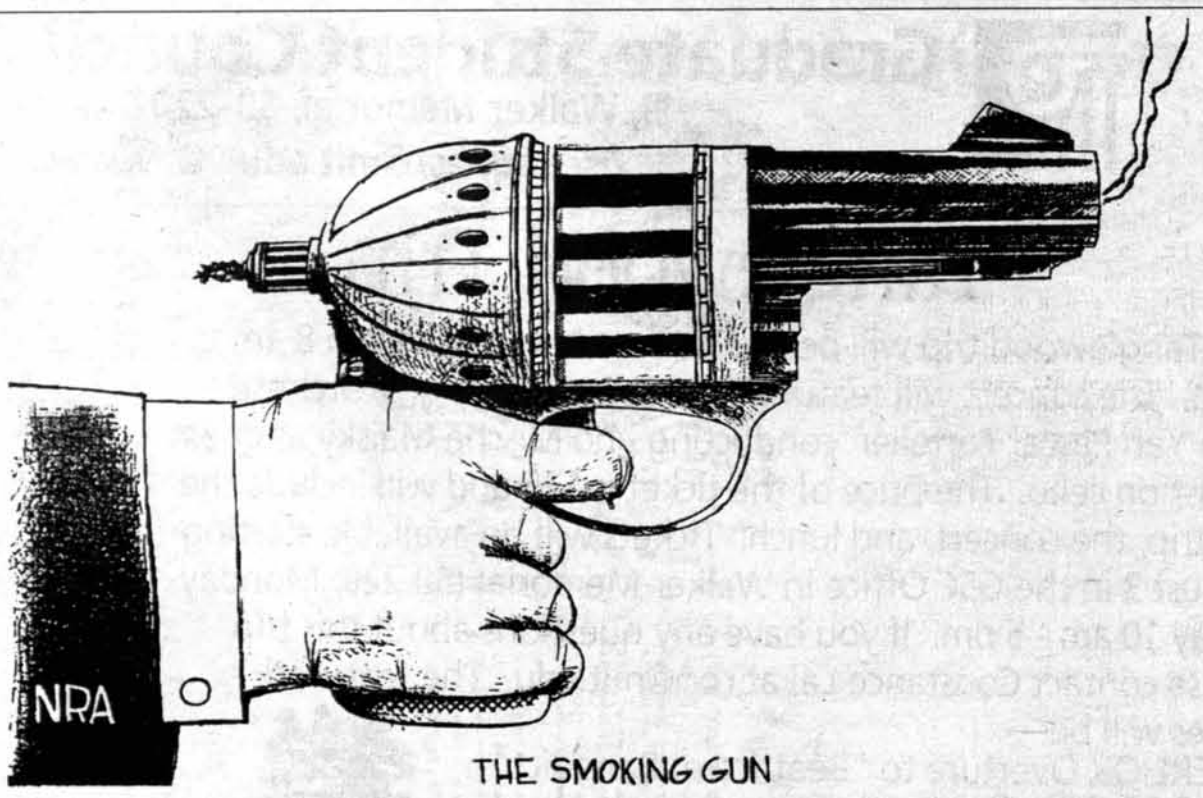

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RA Conspiracy Theory

Did MIT Cut a Deal With the District Attorney?

Dan Dunn

On July 1, MIT dropped a logistical bombshell on the alumni of more than 30 Independent Living Groups. They had less than eight weeks to hire Resident Advisers for their houses or face significant consequences. That left eight weeks for search committees, recruitment, legal issues, logistics, finances, and all the other related issues.

MIT administrators had to know that this was a huge pain in the rear. They knew ILGs were going to be angry about the timing, if nothing else. They knew they were going to have to expend significant political capital to soothe everyone involved. So why did they do it now, with so little warning? This has been a question on the lips of administration watchers for the last month.

I think that the available evidence points towards a deal with Suffolk County District Attorney Ralph C. Martin II. MIT, of course, is afraid of prosecution. Martin, as all politicians do, wants to look good. He could press charges against the Institute. But the case would be tough, and he might lose.

But with a deal with MIT, there would be a new scenario. At a press conference later this month (perhaps during rush), he announces indictments against various Phi Gamma Delta undergraduates. He indicts some Fiji alumni. And, with a sweep of his hands, he announces that he has forced MIT to take steps so that this never happens again, or at least not while he is in office.

Let me digress for a bit, eliminating other possibilities. I'll get back to the DA theory later.

Full-time MIT conspiricists argue that the Institute had decided on this move back in December when Vest first announced the pilot program, and the administration simply waited for the community to disperse before releasing the news, thus saving a public battle. I reject this for a few reasons. First of all, MIT showed no signs of planning for the RAs. It refused to pay for more than six houses to do a pilot program back in March; it doesn't have a contract to sign for the RAs, and won't until "mid-August;" the training is still being created and coordinated with the GRT program; and they were clearly unprepared to answer the question of the qualifications of the RA. Second, all reports of when the decision were made point very consistently to a June meeting, with confirming details. And, finally, while I have seen incompetence and wrongheadedness all over the Institute, the times when administrators were simply out to screw students were very rare indeed, if ever.

Some people suspect that the Boston Licensing Board told MIT to take action or it would pull the license of every ILG over which it has jurisdiction. Even if the Board said this, MIT would never believe the threat. While the Board technically has the power, it does not have the right. There are plenty of ILGs out there with clean records who show that it can be done right. Suppose each suspended house put in $10,000 (and many could do 50 times that), and MIT matched the fund — the BLB would quickly back down in the face of a million-dollar war chest and a theft-of-property lawsuit.

We can't skip over the altrusitic theory; maybe MIT is doing this for "the right reasons." What if Chuck, Roz, Joel, and Margaret sat down to lunch one day and Chuck burst into tears? "We can't let another one die," he wailed, "We just can't." The others look to their consciences and agree: action must be taken, and now.

But with such an attack of conscience, one would think reality would also intrude. They would realize that the RA isn't the way to stop such tragedy. Furthermore, MIT is accepting a lot of responsibility (liability) by sponsoring the RA program. MIT can't believe that the RA will reduce its liability.

What about the MIT corporation? Donors? Parents? Did *Newsweek*, as Roz Williams claims, apply so much pressure that they had to do something, anything at all? For the corporation, or parents, or donors to exert such power, there has to be a buzz. There have to be people from many sources, many places, talking. No one I know has heard such a buzz.

So we come back to the DA. He has the power. He has the motive. MIT has the reason to go along with him. And there are a few other hints.

For instance, when the administration sent out the e-mail announcing the alumni meeting where the bomb was dropped, it was carbon copied to Jeff Swope, MIT's attorney at the legal firm of Palmer and Dodge. Why else would he care?

And then, of course, there is the DA himself. Why else would it take 10 months and counting to reach a decision? There is no new physical evidence, no new, surprise witnesses. He is stalling, and it is not to protect a few undergrads. He is working on the big fish that is MIT. When all the points have been considered, the DA makes the most sense.

The scuttlebutt around the Dean's Office is that every ILG has found its RA. The news is good, and it proves the Dean's point that there is "enough" time to find an RA. But the question of "Why?" continues to echo through the halls of the Institute. Whether it is the DA or not, the students, the alumni, and the faculty deserve a clear and truthful answer to the question.

MIT Financial Aid Policy Unjust

Elaine Y. Wan

The new academic year encroaches upon us while a splendid summer drifts past. Just a few months ago, I faced the dilemma of choosing a major and now I find myself a veteran of the first-year battle at MIT. I must make myself ready for combat as a sophomore on grades. The preparation needed includes a comfortable bed for lots of sleep, sources of caffeine and intellectual motivation, a fort or a place of residence in which to solve problem sets, and a huge stack of cash to pay for books and essentials such as food, pens and paper to make paper airplanes.

This week I received my bill for this year's tuition and approximate expenses. I haven't decided on all the classes I will take in the fall semester and already I have to foot the bill. As enrolled students know, although the Institute has reduced self help, the tuition has increased. My wages for my summer job were barely enough to cover my summer expenses and now I must worry about working during the year to cover the expenses I will have accumulated by then.

During my last few months as a senior in high school, I spent hours in the library and on the web scrounging for any possible chance of getting free money for college. I was not eligible for many either because Asians are not considered an academic minority or because I am not from an electricity-deprived town on the outskirts of Kalamazoo. Other scholarships or grants required interviews or 500-word essays on what I would do to save the depleting ozone layer or how would I design an electrical contraption that uses two Duracell batteries in exchange for a couple of hundred bucks.

Hoping to make friends and fortune, I resorted to entering many science fairs with a project I had been working on for two years. I also submitted to writing contests several literary pieces I had written a few years back. With lots of luck, I managed to get enough outside scholarships to make me feel financially secure in college. Well, at least I felt that way at the time. After finally signing the agreement to attend MIT in the fall, I realized that more money had to be made... a lot more.

The moral of the story? Make sure the outside scholarships you get are not taxable and get the money as soon as you can. MIT splits outside scholarships with a student 50/50 if he or she applied for financial aid. This means that the Institute reduces the amount of a student's grant or scholarship by 50 percent and the amount a student has to contribute from earnings or loans by the other 50 percent. However, if you do not require financial aid, you get to keep 100 percent of your money. Byrd Scholarships, ROTC Scholarships, Pell Grants, other federal grants and state scholarships also reduce your tuition dollar for dollar.

I do not think that this policy is just. I am a student who wants to help her family pay for my academic upbringing. I worked just as hard as the other students at the fairs in which I competed. While these students may keep all of their money because they attend a college that does not split their outside scholarships or their family are in a more financially advantageous state, I must share mine. I love my college, but why can't I keep the money I made, especially since I need it?

Furthermore, this year I worked more than forty hours per week trying to ease the shock of a five-digit number on my tuition bill only to find that I would only be able to keep 70 percent of what I made. Students who are currently enrolled in college and receiving financial aid should not be subject to the same income tax as other citizens. For students who do not have financial support from their family, supporting themselves through four years of college is an extremely arduous task.

I don't think that the Department of Defense had any idea that when they gave me a scholarship, half of it was going into MIT's pocket instead of mine. The money may have been used to build a stealth, nuclear powered, aerodynamic jet ski or something of the sort, but that was not its intended purpose. The department would have to give me twice the amount they promised me at first so that I would receive the actual amount of scholarship I was expecting. That would be fine with me if I was getting every dollar but the reality is that I am not.

The *New York Times* recently reported that Stanford University was looking into the issue of where outside scholarship money is going. After years of complaints from donors and students, Stanford has now promised to let their students keep more of the money they receive. Our west coast friends will see a decrease in their federal loans or work study this year, while we will still be scrambling to study, work and afford three meals a day.

Many other institutions are following Stanford's precedent, including Williams College, Columbia University, and Yale University. MIT is known for dumping loads of work onto its students. Although this may help us obtain a broader field of knowledge and prepare us to fight the hardships we may encounter in the real world, it also means we have less time to make the money we need to support ourselves and our educational endeavors. We already have enough battles to face. It is time that MIT lends a hand to its students with their financial troubles.

Media Torn By Demands Of Audience

Dan McGuire

It has been a difficult month for journalists. We fabricate a few high-profile stories and you, the public, act like it's the end of the world. Correspondents who could be off creating even more interesting fabricated reports are instead stuck behind the anchor desk, talking in earnest tones about truth in media.

This whole "public accountability" premise is a sham. Fabricating stories isn't a bad thing. It's just bringing existing practice and understanding to an entirely new level. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

There are two players in this game of truth and accountability. First, you have the media. Most people don't like the media, be it national or local. We're still trying to get Watergate-level material in an era when the world is less interesting and more complicated. Watergate is like *Star Wars*: anyone can understand its simple central message.

Modern issues are more complex. We, the media, are trying to turn Ken Starr's interminable Whitewater investigation into a titanic struggle between good and evil and it just isn't working out. Every morning, we camp outside of Starr's townhouse hoping that he'll say something damning, either about himself or about Clinton. That never happens. Instead, we get a lecture about the intricacies of property law from a guy in a bathrobe carrying two garbage bags full of coffee grounds and grapefruit rinds. This is not the stuff of *All the President's Men*, and it makes us in the media look like fools.

The media should take our practice of fudging the facts to make the story more interesting and then go all the way with it. We should be able to report anything we want as long as it seems vaguely plausible.

The second set of players in this intricate dance is the general public. By and large, you're a sorry lot, content to watch news-you-can-use — stories that sound like fifth grade science projects. While we're trying to deliver hard-hitting coverage from all corners of the earth, you're content to sit back and watch *Three's Company* reruns and eat Cheez Whiz. You only tune in when we've managed to take a big enough chunk out of somebody that there's blood in the water, like the CNN story about the government trying to kill defectors during the Vietnam war.

So, how to we get these two divergent sets of interests to gel? This gets back to my original point: we take our existing practice of fudging the facts and the sources to make the story a bit more interesting, and then go all the way with it. The media shouldn't be restrained to simply report what is true; it should be able to report anything it wants as long as it seems vaguely plausible. The definition of plausible will, of course, vary from market to market. The *National Spectator* should be able to report with absolute confidence that Bill Clinton is the anti-Christ because he wants to raise the capital gains tax. Conservatives everywhere will nod and mutter "I always thought so." *Mother Jones* will tell all three remaining liberals the almost-true story about the mind control devices corporate America implants in all senators. The *New York Times* can really let New Jersey have it over that Ellis Island thing. And everybody can expect the Monica Lewinsky case to get *much* more exciting.

So the public will be happy because they're getting stories that are not only interesting but also reinforce their existing prejudices. We in the media will be happy because we'll no longer have to do any time consuming interviews and because we'll be able to complete laying out our issues and taping our news programs *weeks* in advance. We'll also be in the running for the Nobel Prize for Literature — to heck with those crummy Pulitzers. I return to a restatement of the old philosophical standby: the "tree in the forest" argument. If a newsman tells a lie, is it really a lie if nobody checks up on it?

THE ARTS

MOVIE REVIEWS

DreamWorks movies show signs of Spielberg

Moviemaker's summer offerings range from cold to lukewarm

By Vladimir V. Zelevinsky
STAFF REPORTER

In the last three decades, Steven Spielberg has not only become the most profitable director of our time, but he has also created an entire movie studio, DreamWorks. As a producer, he had a hand in such commercial successes as *Poltergeist*, *Gremlins*, *The Goonies*, and *Men In Black*. And this summer we have no less than *four* movies which in some way or other owe their existence to him. Soporific *Deep Impact* started the heat season at the box office in May, and July brought forth Spielberg-directed *Saving Private Ryan*, Spielberg-executive-produced *The Mask of Zorro*, and DreamWorks-financed *Small Soldiers*.

The latter three get my recommendation; however, these are not very enthusiastic recommendations, and I have major problems with each of the three movies. I'll go through them in a moment, in order of increasing preference, but first I'd like to note that there is another common thread uniting these three films. They are all about one thing—violence.

PARAMOUNT

Captain John Miller (Tom Hanks) finally finds Private James Ryan (Matt Damon) a few days after D-day in *Saving Private Ryan*.

Saving Private Ryan

Directed by Steven Spielberg
Written by Robert Rodat
With Tom Hanks, Tom Sizemore, Edward Burns, Jeremy Davies, Matt Damon

Certainly the weakest of the three reviewed here, and surprisingly so. After all, most major film critics in the country are predicting that *Saving Private Ryan* will sweep the Oscars come next spring, and many of them are putting it on par with *Schindler's List*. No such luck, unfortunately. Spielberg as a director plus World War II setting do not automatically a masterpiece make; it requires more — a good screenplay, for starters.

The story is quite straightforward (too much so for the nearly three-hour-long movie). On D-Day, Private James Ryan (Matt Damon) parachutes behind enemy lines and is lost. The next day, it is discovered that all of Ryan's three brothers were recently killed in the war. To avoid the damaging public relations, the generals send eight people on a special mission: Led by their captain John Miller (Tom Hanks), they are to venture deep into war-torn France to find Ryan, "a needle in the pile of needles," and get him back to safety.

There are two things to recommend in *Saving Private Ryan*. First are the battle sequences, which have amazing you're-right-there realism. With an unflinching eye, Spielberg unleashes all the horrors of war on the screen, with blood, guts, and gore aplenty. Pushing the boundaries of it's R rating, the movie is ultra-realistic and hallucinatingly surreal at the same time. Putting to shame most of the modern action films, every battle scene is filmed in such a way that at every moment it's perfectly clear who is where, who is doing what, and who is shooting at whom.

The second excellent feature of this movie is the visuals. Both cinematography (by Janusz Kaminski) and production design (Thomas Sanders) combine to a stunning effect. The sights of bombed towns, with literally single walls remaining from buildings and streets strewn with rubble, are amazing, and Kaminski films all of it in faded, grainy, newsreel-quality footage, so that we all know that *this* is the way the war really looked.

The rest of *Saving Private Ryan* is mediocre. The story doesn't build toward anything, the few character arcs are either barely existent or utterly obvious, and the acting is passable at best. Most supporting actors are adequate, and not more. Even Tom Hanks is given a very schematic character, and all of his acting is limited to a couple of tedious method mannerisms. The one who comes off the best is Matt Damon, who appears on screen in the last third—but even he can't overcome the wooden dialogue. There is a scene where Ryan launches into a monologue about his older brother.

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MOVIE REVIEW

The Negotiator

Samuel L. Jackson should make a more complete offer

By Vladimir V. Zelevinsky
STAFF REPORTER

Directed by F. Gary Gray
Written by James DeMonaco and Kevin Fox
With Samuel L. Jackson, Kevin Spacey, Ron Rifkin, John Spencer, J.T. Walsh, Siobhan Fallon, Paul Giamatti

In the summer of 1993, *The Fugitive* opened, and proved to be not only a tense thriller and a cleverly-plotted mystery, but also provided enough material for several actors to display their talent to the fullest, which made it a pleasure to watch. The thrill of the chase and the viewers' curiosity was what held their attention while the events of the film were playing out on the screen. What is remembered now is a precious moment of a man-to-man confrontation between Dr. Kimble and U.S. Marshall Sam Gerard.

The Negotiator operates — or at least, aspires to operate — in the same mode as *The Fugitive*. Not only it is similarly set in Chicago, but its main selling point is a high powered confrontation between two excellent actors. Even the title is similar.

The story is that of Chicago hostage negotiator Danny Roman (Samuel L. Jackson). Praised for his verve and skill in negotiating his way through tense standoffs, this time he's on the opposite side of the law. Seemingly framed for the murder of his partner, Danny proceeds to the twentieth floor of Chicago police headquarters where he takes hostages and demands that his name is cleared. Since he refuses to trust anyone from his own precinct, an outsider is called in to help, Chris Sabian (Kevin Spacey), also a star hostage negotiator. And the conflict is on.

Rather, the conflict is *finally* on. The plot setup takes more than half an hour, and a good deal of momentum is sapped from the story by the time Sabian finally arrives on the scene. *The Negotiator* runs noticeably more than two hours, and some judicious pruning of the first act would have helped it quite a bit. It seems that the filmmakers themselves didn't realize where the heart of their movie was, since they pile up suspect upon suspect, red herring after red herring, and a ridiculous mess of plot details that detract from the virtuoso negotiations between Roman and his former colleagues, and later between Roman and Sabian.

Those scenes work much better than others I have witnessed (*L.A. Confidential* being the last good example). There is nothing as exciting as seeing an excellent actor sinking his teeth into a meaty role, and both Jackson and Spacey are superb here. Jackson infuses his tough negotiator with a curious measure of personal vulnerability which has a simmering potential to turn into dangerous instability. Spacey plays his everyman with simple dignity that sometimes seamlessly transforms into unstoppable hauteur.

These two excellent characters are ably abetted by a fine supporting cast: the late J.T. Walsh as an ominous internal affairs officer, John Spencer as the conscience-torn police captain, and especially Siobhan Fallon and Paul Giamatti as a pair of hostages. The last two provide not only a human reference point, but also some comic relief (which is perhaps the best integrated comic relief I've ever seen).

When a film gets mired either in superfluous action sequences or when it spends a lot of time spinning its wheels in the tracks of a tired mystery subplot, it feels worse than it probably is. Most of action and mystery is very capably executed, and the idea of a *Die Hard*-like film (where the audience's sympathies are on the other side of the barricade) is appealing. However, with its last half an hour nearly disintegrating into a mishmash of obtuse plot development, *The Negotiator* still feels like a disappointment. The heart of this movie is in exploring negotiations — person to person confrontations. This movie would have worked better if it decided to stick with its main theme.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Tapeo

Top tapas can be found on Newbury Street

By Duangjai Samranvedhya

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The patio at Tapeo is the perfect location for a relaxing meal after a stroll on Newbury Street. Clustered with tables for two, it's just the kind of place to sit down and chat, order a drink, and enjoy the moment.

My friend and I arrived just after 6 o'clock and got seated immediately. We started off with Sangria, a unique Spanish drink made of, among other things, red wine and orange juice, served on ice. At $4.50 per glass, we decided to order the whole jug for $15. A Spanish dinner wouldn't be complete without Sangria—every table on the patio had a jug.

The menu consisted of the entrees, Tapas Frais (cold), and Tapas Calientes (hot). Tapas is a word for small dishes. Each cost between $5-$7.50. A waitress informed me that Tapas originally referred to a small dish put on the mouth of the wine bottle to keep away small insects. A person could order one or two Tapas as the appetizer, or a lot of Tapas as the whole meal. Expect to find a long list at Tapeo.

I ordered my favorite Tapas, Schipirones Rellenos—stuffed squid in its own ink. My friend ordered Garlic and Shrimp, and we decided to share our entree, Paella. Shortly after the order was taken, our bread came with a chick pea, mushroom, and garlic spread. I was not sure whether the spread was authentic Spanish, but it added an extra dimension to our dining experience. I am always excited to try new bread companions. The spread definitely had less fat than butter, and tasted just as good. Anyone who loves mashed chick peas with a tangy hint of garlic will love this spread.

My four little stuffed squid came in black ink with chopped onions. The ink had a sweet taste, and the squid was phenomenal. Of course I was biased, since it's my favorite. My friend's shrimp came in bubbling butter with thin slices of garlic. When first served, it was still very hot and I burnt my tongue. After the butter cooled down a bit, the little Rock shrimps and the garlic were very good, either alone or on the bread.

Paella, our $21 entree, looked like fried rice, but tasted much better. I first saw Paella watching the *Travelers* program on the Discovery channel—there was even a special flat pan for cooking Paella. At Tapeo, you can choose between seafood or meat and seafood Paella. Saffron, being the most expensive spice on earth, is the key to making great Paella. I found Tapeo's to be as good as it gets.

Had I gone to Tapeo with more friends I would have ordered Pescado a la Sal, fish in salt, for $22—the signature dish of Tapeo. The whole fish is covered in rock salt and cooked in the oven, resulting in a tender fish, infused with herbs, but not as salty as it may seem. Normally, the waiter presents the whole fish inside the salt and breaks it open at your table. Were you on the patio, the fish would be deboned and served ready to eat.

My other favorite Tapas is White Asparagus, served cold with two sauces—a vegetarian must-try. My advice is to go with a lot of friends so you can try many Tapas and entrees. Two Tapas and half an entree made me almost completely full, which luckily left room for the special dessert of that night, jumbo strawberries fried in cherry batter served with syrup and whipped cream. The entire meal came down to $60. My friend and I left Tapeo just before the sunset, stuffed and happy.

Tapeo is located on Newbury Street, two or three blocks away from Massachusetts Avenue, directly across from Davio's. If you want patio seating, get there before 6:30 p.m., or else prepare to wait among the large crowd of hungry people. The owner of Tapeo also owns Dali's in Cambridge, which has the exact same menu but is perhaps more legendary.

Soldiers to swordsmen: Spielberg's summer movies

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This is clearly is supposed to be a character-defining scene, but the story Ryan tells is so improbable and told in such the wrong way that is comes off as something told by a clumsy liar.

I wouldn't have minded the film's weaknesses if it weren't so self-important and pretentious. With all that flag-waving and other patriotic imagery, endless (and meaningless) philosophical discussions, quotations from Abraham Lincoln, and tearful embraces fifty years later (in the utterly unnecessary framing scenes), it is a major disappointment that the film can't even present a convincing narrative. It doesn't work as historical fiction either; despite the wealth of clearly well-researched period details, it ends up presenting D-Day as a major turning point in World War II. Well, here's a historical trivia bit for you — the Americans didn't enter the war until it was three quarters over.

In the end, a good deal of *Saving Private Ryan* doesn't work, with Spielberg drowning every non-battle scene in schmaltz, with John Williams' highly intrusive score trying to push the emotional buttons, with Robert Rodat's dialogue sounding cliched and lifeless. Why, then, do I still recommend this movie?

Because of the battle scenes, and them alone. Spielberg's point clearly is "War is Hell" (Really? What a bold idea!), and he makes this point in about five minutes. However, the war scenes (especially the final grand confrontation) end up being actively enjoyable. Spielberg is too much of a showman not to let them be so, and he piles up explosions, shootouts, and stunts aplenty, turning the movie into an armrest-clenching extravaganza. In the end, the message I got from *Saving Private Ryan* was, paradoxically, "War is Hell, but it is sure exciting to watch."

A side note: At a risk of sounding sexist, I suspect that, as with all testosterone-filled action movies, female viewers will enjoy it much less than the males. I can't justify this opinion without conducting an opinion poll, but I strongly suspect it is correct.

The Mask of Zorro

Directed by Martin Campbell
Written by Terry Rossio, Ted Elliott, and John Eskow
With Antonio Banderas, Anthony Hopkins, Catherine Zeta Jones

The Mask of Zorro certainly doesn't intend to preach that violence is bad. On the contrary, it is full of good old violence ("old" as in Douglas Fairbanks and Erroll Flynn old) — swordfighting and swashbuckling, punching and kicking, guns and explosions. All of this is put on very well, and is very enjoyable. If only this movie were a bit tighter: there is a lot going on, and it ends up being a bit too much.

The story concerns the legendary freedom fighter Zorro (you know, black mask, black hat, black horse, black moustache), who protects the rights of the people of California and battles the oppressors. It certainly doesn't matter why those oppressors are evil (they want to kill Zorro and they want California to become an independent country, which is evil enough, I think). In the action-packed prologue, Zorro (whose face we can't see behind the mask but who sounds suspiciously like Anthony Hopkins) dashingly appears from nowhere, dashingly saves the day, and dashingly rides off into the sunset, silhouetted against the setting sun very much like E.T.

But the sun is about to set on Zorro. Soon, he's arrested and thrown into the dungeon for twenty years. The bad guys also kidnap his baby daughter, whom they pamper variously while she's growing up (*see* how evil they are!). When Zorro finally gets out, he devotes himself to the task of revenge, but since he's now too old for this stuff, he picks a successor, a charming rogue Alejandro Murrieta (Antonio Banderas). Old Zorro trains Alejandro in the ABCs of being a legendary hero, and then young Zorro is off to battle the villains, ride the horses, and romance beautiful Elena (Catherine Zeta-Jones), who happens to be his mentor's kidnapped daughter.

It is quite refreshing to see a big budget adventure which doesn't skimp on the character development and motivations; however, it errs a bit by providing too much of such stuff. There's nothing wrong per se in old Zorro growling something about revenge, but after five or so times it grows tedious. It also takes an awful lot of screen time—at 2 hours and 20 minutes, *Zorro* is a long sit, since the excitement is diluted by longer stretches of less inspired material.

This material, by the way, would have been even less exciting if it were delivered by less charismatic actors. Both Hopkins and Banderas plunge into the swashbuckling adventure with gusto, and deliver smashing performances. It's startling to see gray-haired Hopkins engaged in derring-do, and he pulls it off excellently. Banderas is as good, in a very different way — he deftly combines the essence of a romantic hero (macho demeanor, sparkling eyes, passionate grace) with goofy humor (witness his attempts to ride the horse, for example). Zeta-Jones appears somewhat late in the movie, and for a while the only thing she's requested to do is stand around and look irresistible. However, during the second half, she also has quite a bit to do: there's a dance, a swordfight, and a lot of running around during the climax.

The swordfights (and other fights) are the main reasons to see this movie. Martin Campbell (who also directed *Goldeneye*) is not a great director (the aforementioned dance sequence is totally mishandled by him, for one), but the fights — in all their sword-clanging, chandelier-swinging glory — make their way onto screen quite well, aided by impressive production design and James Horner's Hispanic-tinged score. I would not call the violence of *The Mask of Zorro* cartoonish; but it is clearly intended to serve as a source of enjoyment and not to be taken seriously.

Small Soldiers

Directed by Joe Dante
Written by Ted Elliott, Zak Penn, Adam Rifkin, Terry Rossio, and Gavin Scott
Animatronic designs and effects by Stan Winston
With Gregory Smith, Kirsten Dunst, Jay Mohr, Kevin Dunn, Denis Leary, and voices of Tommy Lee Jones and Frank Langella

Small Soldiers is directed by Joe Dante, former student and protege of Steven Spielberg, and the director of *Gremlins*. These two movies have much in common — the place is idealized suburbia, the nominal heroes are teenagers, and the disruptions (both good and bad ones) of the monotony come from the mysterious "outside." This time, instead of *Gremlins*' furry creatures, it's a truckload of toys — or, rather, action figures. The first releases from a toy company after being bought by a huge military corporation, GloboTech, these are not just simple toys: equipped with an inexhaustible power source and a high-tech microchip as a brain, these toys can walk, talk, learn — and fight. They are released as two product lines: the clean-cut and handsome Commander Elite, programmed to attack, and deformed monsters Gorgonites, programmed to be attacked. Of course, after about twenty minutes both are unleashed, and the war engulfs the land of Suburbia.

The results are spectacular. This is perhaps the first ever instance of totally seamless special effects (designed by legendary Stan Winston, who also worked on *Aliens* and *Jurassic Park*), which deftly combine animatronic toys and computer-generated ones. The technology has clearly developed a long way since *Toy Story*, and the toys here move as if they were real.

They not only move, they also wage a war, and Dante escalates the tension from minor conflicts and skirmishes to the major battles, all presented with gusto and clarity. Don't mistake this movie for the harmless kids' fantasy: the soldiers are small, but they are highly effective in converting harmless household tools into deadly weapons. There's a small bit with corn cob holders which is as effective as all the gore in *Saving Private Ryan*.

Which, unfortunately, brings me to the major problem I have with *Small Soldiers*. It's made — and is being advertised — as a kids' movie, but it is clearly inappropriate for young children (the PG-13 rating is richly deserved with all the warfare going on). The fact that the movie is geared at the younger generation also noticeably hurts the movie itself.

The major subplot (I would have called it plot, but it is much less compelling than the toys' story) concerns a bland teenage hero (Gregory Smith) who is psychologically wounded and can't connect with his father (Kevin Dunn). A lot of running time is spent on this gratingly tiresome subplot, and it certainly doesn't help that it's neither written nor acted convincingly. A parallel story — a tentative romance with a girl next door, played by Kirsten Dunst — works only a touch better, and all credit here goes to Dunst, who is, as usual, excellent. She's the only one who can stand her own against the raging special effects.

If you are able to sit through the teeth-grinding awfulness of these subplots, you will see that the rest of this movie is sharply written and seamlessly realized. It also has a surprisingly strong subtext which, appropriately enough, concerns violence in pop-culture and humans' susceptibility to it. Just listen to Major Chip Hazard, the Commando Elite leader (voiced by Tommy Lee Jones), and you'll hear a mishmash of pop-culture cliches, military slogans, advertising mottos, and jingoistic war-mongering rhetoric. Everything that Chip Hazard says is, of course, meaningless (after all, the toys' notions of the world around them are skewed products of their military programming), but the Commandos act as pop-culture filters. And what they filter out of it is a spooky amount of violence.

The movie also cannily references other war movies (for example, *Patton* and *Apocalypse Now*), and carefully positions some of the action with the TV broadcasting war documentaries in the background. Thus, it blurs the lines between the toy war, the movie war, and the real war, presenting all three of them as coming from the same source — the infantile desire for meaningless destruction. By casting the Commando Elite as the villains, the movie carefully walks the line between using violence as entertainment and being a sharp criticism of such usage. It largely succeeds at both.

Quite a bit of edgy stuff for a summer fantasy. If they had the nerve to cut out about half an hour of pointless family bonding, *Small Soldiers* could have been an excellent movie. I still find it curious that it ended up being much more enjoyable than the heavy-handed ponderousness of *Saving Private Ryan*. Of course, when I'm writing this, *Ryan* is trouncing *Soldiers* at the box office. But if *Ryan*'s profits fund one more picture as witty as *Small Soldiers*, I will consider it less of a disappointment.

Elena (Catherine Zeta-Jones) finds herself attracted to the mysterious hero, Zorro (Antonio Banderas).

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Event Fund Panel Reaches Decision

By Zareena Hussain
NEWS EDITOR

Over $18,000 from a $50,000 fund set aside to sponsor large campus-wide events has been allocated to sponsor a new "fall festival," intended to be a week-long series of events that focus on cultural awareness and public service.

"It is something MIT needs in the fall," said Kartik M. Mani '00, vice-president of the Class of 2000, who authored the proposal for the series of events. "An event like the fall festival "creates a better sense of community," he said.

Events to take place during the week include an international film series sponsored by the Lecture Series Committee, a mini-International Fair sponsored by the International Students Association, and a day of public service, Mani said.

The week will culminate in a swing dance and concert which will include the combined efforts of the Ballroom Dance Team and other event organizers, said Ryan K. Pierce '99, Undergraduate Association floor leader.

Panel holds planning power

The allocation was approved by a funding panel composed of members from the UA, including Pierce, the Association of Student Activities, and the Graduate Student Council. The exact fate of the funds and details of the fall festival continues to rest with event proposers and with members of the original funding panel.

"The funding panel continues to be involved in fall festival planning, especially as we accommodate the schedule to factors such as room and band availability," Pierce said. "Leaders from the individual groups, though, are making most of the decisions regarding their events."

"Among the goals of the funding panel was to allow groups the opportunity to bring their ideas alive, and we're encouraged by the success thus far in that regard," Pierce added.

Currently, all decisions about the fate of the money allocated to the fund are made by the three governing bodies represented by the funding panel, said Van L. Chu '99, ASA president and member of the original funding panel.

Festival is feasible, inclusive

The decision to support the fall festival was based on several factors including the feasibility of the proposal, how well planned the proposal was, and whether such an event would encompass students from all sectors of the MIT community, Chu said.

"We were looking for proposa supported by multiple groups and things that had a wide appeal," Chu said.

In addition, the funding of a large event in which multiple student groups must collaborate fulfills greater goals of a more cohesive student body. "It starts the ball rolling for groups to think about working with other groups," Chu said.

A total of fifteen proposals were submitted by various groups. The proposal chosen was not one single proposal in its entirety but included aspects of other proposals.

"Basically we took fall festival and rolled other things into one," Chu said.

The original proposal included plans for an International Fair and a large concert but other events were later added.

For instance, the Ballroom Dance Team proposed to use the money to offer free swing dance lessons and a organize a swing dance for the MIT community. The swing dance has since been combined with an originally propos large concert into one event, Pierce said.

In addition, a proposal by LSC to have a semester-long series of films was instead changed to fall only within the week the fall festival takes place, Pierce said.

Students decide fate of funds

All decisions about the fate of the large-event fund and further decisions about the $200,000 allocation from the Provost to student activities have been and will be made solely by students.

While representatives from the Office of Residence Life and Student Life Programs were present at funding decision meetings, it was largely in an advisory role. Richard A. Gresh, a program coordinator in RLSLP who was present at these meetings, said he mainly was there to inform students of space and scheduling considerations regarding the fall festival.

Members of the original funding panel were Brian Schneider G, Carsten D. Hohnke G, and Michael S. Ramming G from the GSC, Pierce; Damien A. Brosnan '01 and Pamela Mukerji '01 from the UA; and Chu and Matthew L. McGann '00 from the ASA.

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Historical Board Ready to OK Fall Demolition of Building 20

By Douglas E. Heimburger
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A permanent fixture in the 55 year history of the temporary wartime structure known as Building 20 has been the fleeting nature of attempts at its demolition.

Tomorrow, however, the Cambridge Historical Commission is set to clear the way for the Institute to obtain a demolition permit for the building, which has been slated for demolition ever since it opened late in 1943 as a temporary facility.

Later this year, a protective cocoon will encase the building while demolition workers remove the exterior asbestos walls and carefully take the facility apart, said O. Robert Simha MCP '57, director of planning.

Next year, construction will begin on the Stata Complex, which will eventually house the Laboratory for Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, Lab for Intelligent Decision Making and the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy.

When complete in 2001, the new 320,000 square foot building will also house a new dining facility and a medium-sized lecture hall, Simha said.

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Renowned architect Frank O. Ghery heads the architectural team designing the new Stata Complex, which will be built on the site where Building 20 now stands.

Commission discusses demolition

At a public hearing held in Building 68 last week, the Commission discussed the life of the building and also learned about the new building to rise on the site.

After touring the building, now emptied except for one researcher who is still waiting to move into new renovated space on campus, the Commission heard from renowned architect Frank O. Gehry about plans for the new building.

Currently, Gehry's team is attempting to determine how best to design the interior space for researchers and students in the building, Gehry said.

The plans for the building, which will be completed over the next six months, will likely feature a combination of "warehouse space" where labs spread out over buildings with large, expansive floors and "tower space" where zones of offices and labs surround a central core, much like in modern office buildings, Gehry said. Rooftop cafeterias and meeting spaces are also being considered.

"The good thing about Building 20 was its people," Gehry said. The flexible space of the building along with its temporary status made for a good research home. "Whatever the [new] building is, it has to be forgiving like that."

Currently, the architects are looking at items such as lighting, sun control, partitions and the like to create flexible space for the researchers. They have created models based upon housing concepts such as the 19th century Japanese house, where room partitions can be opened and closed to form large or small spaces on demand, Gehry said.

Gehry's team is also creating basic plans for a future "learning center," where undergraduate classes could be centralized, Simha said. The facility, which is a priority of President Charles M. Vest, would combine several large lecture halls with smaller recitation rooms and teaching laboratories, Simha said. It would feature the newest audio-visual facilities and would also include provisions for distance learning, Simha added.

Plans are also being drawn up for a long-term expansion to Building 68, which will complete the section of campus, Simha said. The current East Garage will be demolished before 2001 and replaced across Albany Street, creating space for the new buildings.

Current building praised

The wood-frame building, which violated fire codes even when it was built, was designed "in an afternoon" by Donald Whiston '32. During the war, allied scientists perfected Radar within its flexible space.

After the war, while MIT applied again and again for extensions to its occupancy permit, the building served a variety of purposes. During the Vietnam War, anti-war protesters held stake-outs in the offices of Professor Noam Chomsky and in the ROTC facilities.

More recently, the facility fell into disrepair. "The threat of demolition has loomed over this building

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CopyTech Occupies MIT Museum Space In Student Center

By Christina Chow
STAFF REPORTER

For the first time since its renovations a decade ago, the Stratton Student Center is changing dramatically. This summer, both Newbury Comics and the MIT Museum store choose not to renew their leases.

Coupled with basement renovations already under way by two Information Systems locations that will release an additional space, there are three vacancies to fill this coming term in the student center.

The Copy Technology Center will replace the MIT Museum in its first floor space this fall. Peter Cummings, business manager of the Campus Activities Complex, said that the MIT Museum store wanted "to retrench their business up the street. CopyTech was well prepared to come in and have spent a lot of time revamping their services including weekend and evening hours."

Student desire for a copy center was confirmed by a recent Planning Office survey that identified a copy center as a major student need.

"We were well into plans with moving the CopyTech before the survey results came out, but [this] reaffirmed our thoughts...and made us feel good," Cummings said. CopyTech, which already has two locations on campus, has signed a five year primary lease with a five year lease option. CopyTech will likely open around October 1, said Philip J. Walsh, director of CAC.

Newbury space up for grabs

For now, the retail space vacated by Newbury Comics has not been filled.

One possibility was identified by the dining review working group when it reported that students felt there was a significant "lack of seating to support food areas." said Walsh.

In addition, the Undergraduate Association is currently campaigning for the Newbury Comics vacancy to be used as a social area for students. In May, the UA passed a resolution determining that whenever major renovations were made to the Student Center, the UA would involve itself in the changes, "to try to make the Student Center more of a student center," said UA floor leader Ryan K. Pierce '99.

"The idea is to make the Student Center a central location for social interaction." Pierce added.

The UA, partially working on recommendations by the working group on dangerous drinking, wants to make part of the Student Center a social area by installing jukeboxes and ping-pong and pool tables among other things.

"The Graduate Student Council is behind the idea and [the UA Executive Committee] has been talking to members of the administration, and they seem supportive of the idea," Pierce said.

In the past, the Student Center has featured a bowling alley in the basement, which was taken out during renovations in the late 1980s.

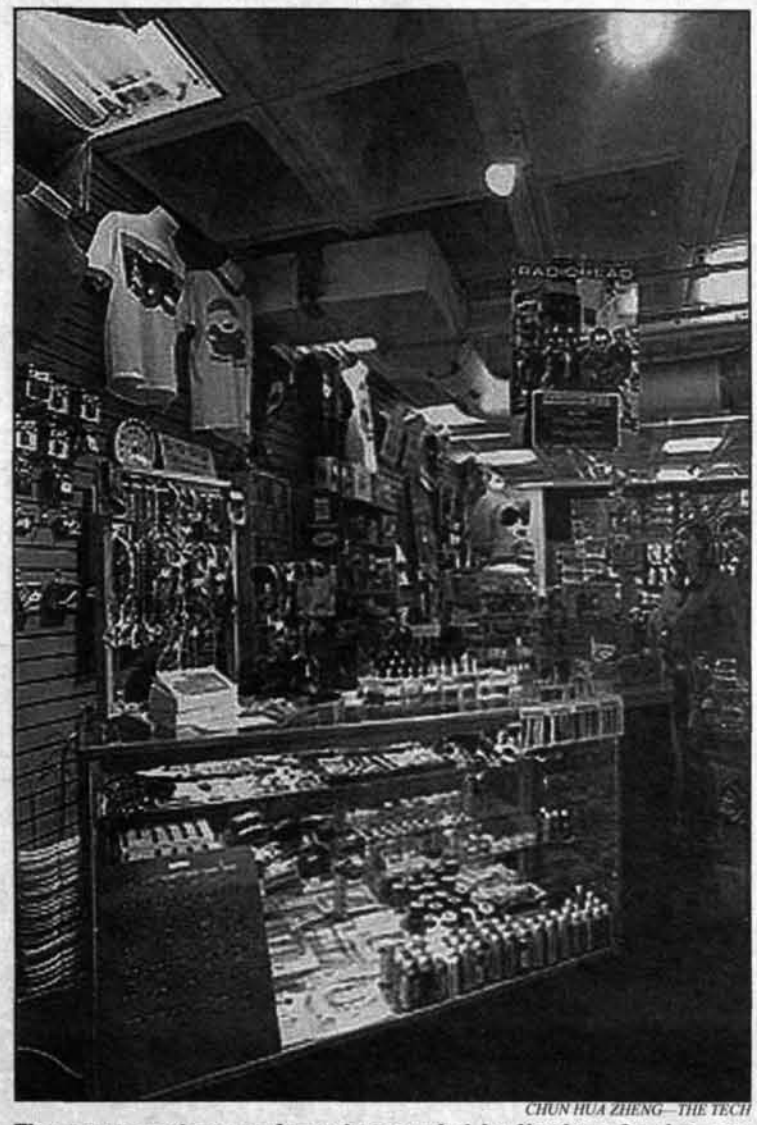
Since the space is part of the MIT real estate portfolio, the UA "is trying to take an open-minded approach, letting people have input, seeing how much support there is for the idea," before settling on one final product. UA representatives will meet with Cummings and Walsh today to further discuss these possibilities.

Video store possible in basement

One last vacancy will be opening up in the basement at the end of this month. Athena Online Consulting, the Microcomputer Center help desk, and PC repair will be consolidating their offices this month, Cummings said. As a result, an additional space will be opened in the Student Center.

One concept that CAC is investigating is "the video store concept, which we've looked into several times over the years," including the idea of "vending machines for video tapes that I have seen working on other college campuses," said Walsh.

Said Walsh, "Our interest is to move forward and try to fill the spaces since it does no one any good vacant."



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Houses Find RAs While Questions Lie Unanswered

By Susan Buchman and Zareena Hussain
STAFF REPORTERS

A month after the Institute first decreed the mandatory placement of resident advisers in fraternities, sororities and independent living groups by the 1998-99 school year, FSILGs, while in large part successful in the search for RAs, are still grappling with liability and financial issues that have yet to be clarified by the Institute.

An estimated 30 out of a total of 38 FSILGs have found a person to fill their house's RA slot, said Neal H. Dorow, associate dean for Residence Life and Student Life Programs and adviser to FSILGs.

However, while many living groups have cleared the initial hurdle of finding an RA, questions remain in the minds of house members about the financial responsibility of the house and the liability the RA would face as an officer of the Institute living in an independent house.

Key to clarifying this issue, some houses say, is an expected contract to be drafted by RLSLP.

A document is being developed and might not necessarily be a contract, Dorow said. It will "outline the mutual expectations" that the house, the RA, and MIT will hold. The final document will be signed by a member of the house's alumni board, a representative of the undergraduate residents of the house, the RA, and an official from RLSLP.

"If something were to go wrong... would MIT back the RA?"

– John Shim '99, president, Theta Xi

What is most unclear is "the role the RA would play as an enforcement... officer, whether he would have more responsibility than your average" resident, said Joshua R. Merok '99 of Zeta Psi, whose RA is an alumni of the house..

"They've given us general guidelines," said Mary C. Obelnicki '98, rush chair of the Women's Independent Living Group, whose RA is an alumna of the house. However, "we don't have a very good idea," of the details of the arrangement, Obelnicki said.

Other questions centered around the responsibility the RA would have to assume. "The questions were more for the RA himself" said John Shim '99, president of Theta Xi, who also tapped an alum to serve as an RA.

The RA is likely to be the one person next to the house president to be blamed if anything happens, Shim said. "If something were to go wrong... would MIT back the RA?"

Financial questions remain

Officially, houses have been promised the reimbursement of one house bill per resident adviser by MIT.

However, some houses have been assured that the Institute would pay for two housebills if the resident adviser had to be housed in a double room.

"The official MIT release is [MIT] would incur one housebill," Merok said. "Right now that's not fixed."

Some houses may be unaware of the policy change. Sigma Chi, whose RA will be a fraternity alumni from the Ohio State University chapter, is preparing to incur the cost of one housebill spread over the housing costs of all fraternity members because the RA will have to be housed in a double room, said house president Phillip P. Kim '99.

At Theta Xi, MIT is only covering the cost of one housebill while the alumni corporation of the house is using existing funds to offset any further expense, Shim said.

Houses have been informed that they will not be reimbursed for housing their RA during next summer, although they would be required to house him or her during that period.

"For sure we accrue the cost of housing them over the summer," Obelnicki said.

Despite the ability of FSILGs to cope with the situation of having to hire an RA, many are still embittered by the speed with which the decision was made.

"I think their timing is pretty poor," Kim said. "Most of the brothers were away for the summer."

Friends and Family Remember Chao For His Humility, Kindness

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security as a graduate of Course VI-2, Hunter said. Although he had considered Mechanical Engineering, Chao decided the job prospects were better within Computer Science.

"I don't think many of my freshmen have career" plans, Hunter said. "That's kind of refreshing over here."

Hsieh said Chao had been extremely enthusiastic about his year at the Institute and considered it to be his best experience. "His life definitely ended on a high note. I know he would have wanted it that way."

"He has done so much more in 19 years than people have done in 40," Hsieh added.

Private memorial services for Chao were held in Michigan last week. A scholarship fund in Chao's name has been established at the Math and Science Center. Contributions may be sent to the Center, at 600 West Vine St., Suite 400, Kalamazoo MI 49008.

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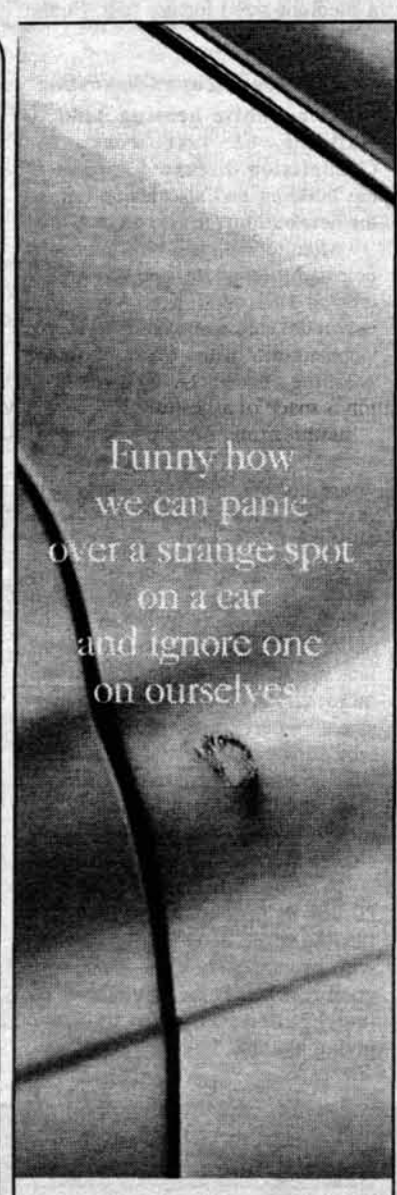

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Kappa Sig Questions Evidence As IFC Forces Fraternity Dry

By Susan Buchman
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Kappa Sigma has been sanctioned following an incident in which a minor was allegedly served alcohol at the Kappa Sigma house and subsequently injured himself.

The fraternity was charged with violating four rules of the Interfraternity Council by serving alcohol to minors. Kappa Sigma is not certified to serve alcohol. The fraternity pleaded not guilty to all charges, arguing that there was not an organized event at the house on the night in question and that no underage persons were given alcohol.

According to Jorge F. Rodriguez '98, who represented Kappa Sigma, the alleged party was a gathering of alumni, members of the Boston University chapter of Kappa Sigma, and the wife of an alumnus.

All members of the group were over 21 and had purchased the alcohol they were consuming, Rodriguez said. Kappa Sigma argued that what had taken place could not be considered a house event. "It was not planned, it was not sponsored [by the house], and we did not provide any funding," said Rodriguez.

Fraternity contests report

Kappa Sigma questioned the accuracy of the Boston Police incident report, which was the only evidence that the Judicial Committee presented. According to the report from the events of the evening of July 17 and the morning of July 18, Fito Louis '00, a member of Alpha Tau Omega, said that he and the injured person, both of whom are under 21, had been given alcohol at the Kappa Sigma house.

However, at the Judicial Committee trial, Rodriguez read a statement written by Louis stating that the police report was inaccurate and that the injured party had been intoxicated when he arrived at Kappa Sigma. Kappa Sigma said that the only other witness in the police report witnessed the fall but not underage drinking.

House found guilty on all charges

The committee found Kappa Sigma guilty of the four charges. According to the summary of the Judcomm ruling, "while this was an unplanned event that involved mostly alumni and brothers from other chapters, Kappa Sigma was still aware of its occurrence and was involved."

As a result, the committee mandated that Kappa Sigma must be completely alcohol free on all its property until February 1. Furthermore, at least 75 percent of its active members and new pledges must perform five hours of community service each by December 19.

"While only two brothers were present in the house when the alumni and brothers from another Kappa Sigma chapter arrived, it was still poor judgement on the part of the MIT Kappa Sigma brothers to allow your guests to bring alcohol into the house," the ruling said.

Tang Arrangement Will Be Temporary

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also expressed a willingness to house non-member graduate students. Housing graduate students in FSILGs is "most likely an option for incoming graduate students who arrive in Boston with no housing.," Schneider said.

Crowding graduate students in Ashdown House, Green Hall and Edgerton Hall is also a possibility, Patton said. In addition, the large, two bedroom Worthington Place apartments may house three graduate students if necessary, Patton said.. Graduate students housed in Worthington Place will be subsidized for part of their rent.

Housing commitments honored

All students assigned housing in Tang are guaranteed spots in the graduate housing system whether in Tang or elsewhere, Patton said.

"When they told us [about moving the undergraduates] we were practically done with our assignments," she said. Patton said that there are still 25 apartments at Worthington Place which could be given to those displaced. However, Patton said that "I may have enough space within Tang."

The fall plans are designed to be temporary, Eisenmann said."Every intention is to have graduate spaces return to graduate student use. This is not intended to be a long term solution."

"I would like to see everything that belongs to graduate students revert [to graduate students.]," Patton said.

Commission Divided Over Historical Value of 'Inspirational' Building 20

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for decades," wrote Sarah L. Burks, a property administrator for the commission. As a result, maintenance of the windows and exterior walls has been sacrificed recently.

Between 1986 and 1991, significant amounts of asbestos were removed from the building. Nonetheless, asbestos shingles still cover the sides of the building, and most of the floor tiles and pipe insulation is made of asbestos.

Commissioners expressed concern over the lack of final plans presented at the meeting. Usually, the Historical Commission delays the demolition of buildings until final plans can be considered.

"It seems there's an emanation from this old place that inspires people," said Commissioner M. Wyllis Bibbins, who urged that MIT consider preserving some of the current building as a historical artifact.

Other members on the commission disagreed. "I'm more convinced that it is not going to be useful in the way it was" earlier this century, said Commissioner Jo M. Solet. "I would be ready to see Building 20 go."

The commission was also offered the opportunity to participate in the development of plans for the new site, which will definitely include an area dedicated to the activities of the old Building 20, Simha said.

"It's a real leap of faith for us" to allow Gehry the flexibility he has been offered, Simha said. Gehry is "working hard to bring us something new, novel, and nifty" in the new $100 to $120 million building.

INDRANATH NEOGY—THE TECH

Architects are using wooden models of the Institute to visualize various combinations of space for the new Stata Complex. Final plans for the building will be developed over the next year.

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GSC Meeting Minutes

At its July 1 general meeting, the Graduate Student Council heard reports from several officers. The leader for Orientation funding announced that the GSC needs a total of $23,000 from academic departments.

The GSC has spent $2,500 beyond its budget. New funding board money is being provided from the Provost. Funding for general meetings has been increased due to increased soda costs. In addition, funding was increased for the National Association of Graduate and Professional Schools. The Graduate Student News also received increased funding.

In addition, $6,000 was allocated for student group career events or for Orientation. The athletics, alcohol, constitution update, budget priorities, student advantage, and long range planning committees have ceased to exist, thus their funding is no longer needed.

The Academics, Research, and Careers committee was allocated $1,000 for general use, $1,500 for awards, $10,000 for a travel fund, and $15,000 for the career fair.

Orientation was allocated $30,000, although spending is projected at $32,000. Additional moneys would come from funding for career related events.

The Housing and Community Affairs Committee was allocated $1,000.

The reserve account will fund $4,000 for a computer and furniture in the GSC office.

Total allocations were $194,800, with $112,950 from the Graduate Education Office, $15,000 from Dean for Student Life Margaret R. Bates and the Graduate Education Office for Orientation, $27,000 from Activities Committee ticket sales, $35,000 from the Career Fair, $15,000 from departments, and $850 in interest income. The budget was approved.

The Graduate Student News will be published in early August along with an Orientation packet. Orientation packets would also be useful for new students in January.

On August 23, the GSC will sponsor a trip to Tanglewood for a concert. Cost is $25 and includes transportation, the concert, and a light brunch.

Career Fair volunteers are needed and should contact Philip Yoon at *dreamer@mit.edu*. The fair is tentatively scheduled for November; coordination is being planned to reduce the number of career fairs to four per year to make it easier for students and companies. Included would be a graduate student, an undergraduate, and an international student career fair.

Orientation volunteers are needed and should contact Julie Lively at *jglively@mit.edu*.

Members are needed for the Board of Governors and should contact Chris Garrett at *garrett1@mit.edu*.

The GSC will hold its August meeting today at 5:30 p.m. in Walker Memorial, room 220.

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National Revokes BTP Charter; Fall Rush Status Undetermined

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grams, participate in TIPS training by November 1, and meet MIT's requirements for alcohol certification.

MIT has also taken action against the fraternity, suspending them from holding any social events or activities, including rush events, until more information is known.

The Institute will conduct a review of the incident before Orientation. "I think there's a chance of" BTP rushing this year, said Dean for Student Life Margaret R. Bates. "At this point there's nothing to suggest that this chapter as a chapter was responsible."

During the review phase, the Institute has also banned alcohol at the fraternity. The alumni corporation, which owns the house, has agreed to augment supervision at the house. The alumni corporation will review the status of the summer residents and will take appropriate action, including eviction if warranted.

BTP has taken steps to address the issues brought by the incident, including rewriting its policies on summer boarders, said Katie E. Hardacre '99, who chairs the IFC judicial committee.

"The alumni corporation and the chapter have both been very responsive...in working with us," Bates said.

CHUN HUA ZHENG—THE TECH

Eran Egozy adjusts his reed before performing Beethoven's Clarinet Trio, Op. 38.

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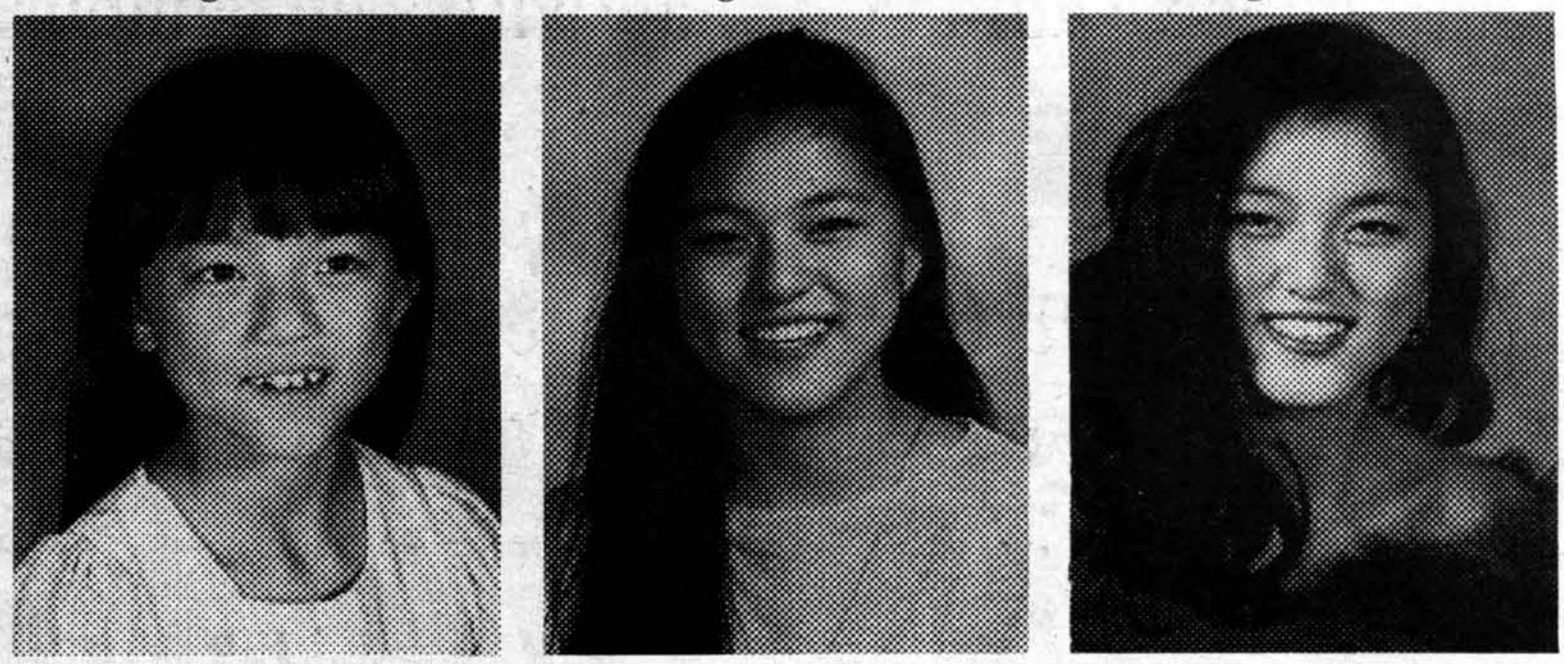

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ALBERT AND NEWTON ARE ON VACATION SO THEY ASKED ME TO FILL IN FOR THEM.
I THOUGHT WE COULD PAY THEM A LITTLE VISIT!
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SHH!
BEATS ME!
WHO WAS THAT?

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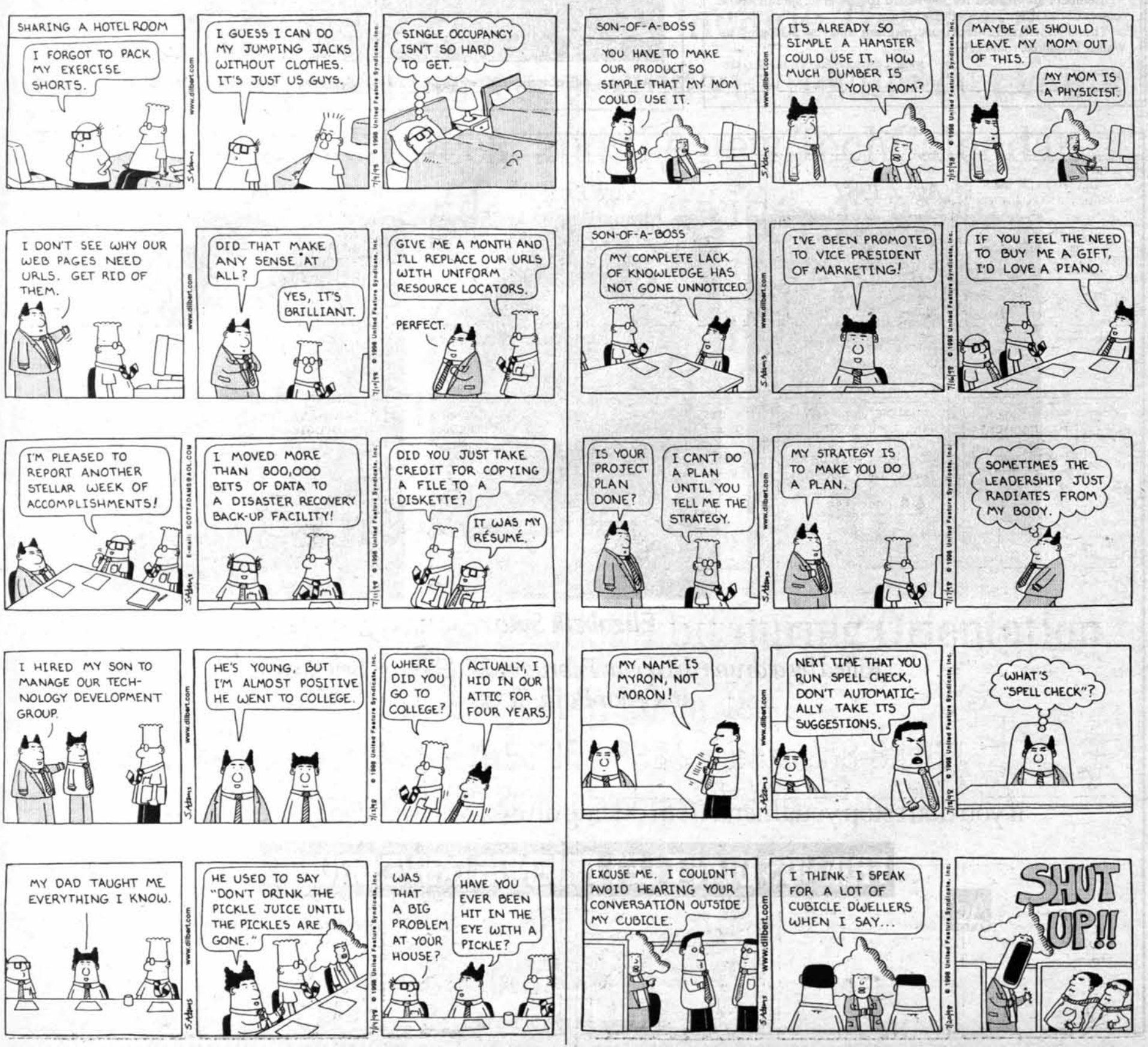
SHARING A HOTEL ROOM
I FORGOT TO PACK MY EXERCISE SHORTS.
I GUESS I CAN DO MY JUMPING JACKS WITHOUT CLOTHES. IT'S JUST US GUYS.
SINGLE OCCUPANCY ISN'T SO HARD TO GET.
SON-OF-A-BOSS
YOU HAVE TO MAKE OUR PRODUCT SO SIMPLE THAT MY MOM COULD USE IT.
IT'S ALREADY SO SIMPLE A HAMSTER COULD USE IT. HOW MUCH DUMBER IS YOUR MOM?
MAYBE WE SHOULD LEAVE MY MOM OUT OF THIS.
MY MOM IS A PHYSICIST.
I DON'T SEE WHY OUR WEB PAGES NEED URLS. GET RID OF THEM.
DID THAT MAKE ANY SENSE AT ALL?
YES, IT'S BRILLIANT.
GIVE ME A MONTH AND I'LL REPLACE OUR URLS WITH UNIFORM RESOURCE LOCATORS.
PERFECT.
SON-OF-A-BOSS
MY COMPLETE LACK OF KNOWLEDGE HAS NOT GONE UNNOTICED.
I'VE BEEN PROMOTED TO VICE PRESIDENT OF MARKETING!
IF YOU FEEL THE NEED TO BUY ME A GIFT, I'D LOVE A PIANO.
I'M PLEASED TO REPORT ANOTHER STELLAR WEEK OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS!
E-mail: SCOTTADAMS@AOL.COM
I MOVED MORE THAN 800,000 BITS OF DATA TO A DISASTER RECOVERY BACK-UP FACILITY!
DID YOU JUST TAKE CREDIT FOR COPYING A FILE TO A DISKETTE?
IT WAS MY RÉSUMÉ.
IS YOUR PROJECT PLAN DONE?
I CAN'T DO A PLAN UNTIL YOU TELL ME THE STRATEGY.
MY STRATEGY IS TO MAKE YOU DO A PLAN.
SOMETIMES THE LEADERSHIP JUST RADIATES FROM MY BODY.
I HIRED MY SON TO MANAGE OUR TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT GROUP.
HE'S YOUNG, BUT I'M ALMOST POSITIVE HE WENT TO COLLEGE.
WHERE DID YOU GO TO COLLEGE?
ACTUALLY, I HID IN OUR ATTIC FOR FOUR YEARS.
MY NAME IS MYRON, NOT MORON!
NEXT TIME THAT YOU RUN SPELL CHECK, DON'T AUTOMATICALLY TAKE ITS SUGGESTIONS.
WHAT'S "SPELL CHECK"?
MY DAD TAUGHT ME EVERYTHING I KNOW.
HE USED TO SAY "DON'T DRINK THE PICKLE JUICE UNTIL THE PICKLES ARE GONE."
WAS THAT A BIG PROBLEM AT YOUR HOUSE?
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN HIT IN THE EYE WITH A PICKLE?
EXCUSE ME. I COULDN'T AVOID HEARING YOUR CONVERSATION OUTSIDE MY CUBICLE.
I THINK I SPEAK FOR A LOT OF CUBICLE DWELLERS WHEN I SAY...
SHUT UP!!
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by Scott Adams

YOU HAVEN'T INTERFERED WITH MY PROJECT IN WEEKS. SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG.
I BELIEVE IN EMPOWERING MY EMPLOYEES AND STAYING OUT OF THE WAY.
AM I GOING TO FIND MY REAL BOSS'S BODY IN A DUMPSTER?
THERE'S EXTRA MONEY IN THE BUDGET. WOULD YOU LIKE A BONUS?
I HAVEN'T TALKED YET, BUT ALL THE GOOD POINTS HAVE BEEN TAKEN.
BLAH BLAH
BLAH BLAH
WE MUST MAKE SURE OUR MOMENTUM ALIGNS WITH OUR VALUE-ADDED DISTRIBUTION!
THAT WAS JUST BABBLE, RIGHT?
ALL THE GOOD ONES WERE TAKEN.
I THINK THE EARTHLINGS ARE GETTING SUSPICIOUS.
KEEP ACTING COMPETENT AND CARING. OUR PRISONER SAYS THAT'S HOW LEADERS ACT ON THEIR WORLD.
CAROL, LET ME DO THE ORG CHART ON MY PC. YOU HAVE TOO MUCH WORK ALREADY.
AAAGH!
I HAVE NO USEFUL SKILLS OR KNOWLEDGE. I COMPENSATE BY "RAISING ISSUES."
OUR SALESPEOPLE HAVEN'T BEEN TRAINED FOR THE NEW PRODUCT!!
SOMEONE SHOULD HAVE A MEETING ABOUT THAT.
WOW, I CAN ACTUALLY HEAR OXYGEN BEING WASTED.
NO ONE SUSPECTS THAT THE REAL BOSS IS IN A PRISON TUBE ON MY SPACESHIP.
IS IT OKAY IF I WEAR SHORTS?
SURE. I ONLY CARE ABOUT THE QUALITY OF YOUR WORK.
IF OUR BOSS WERE REPLACED BY AN ALIEN, WOULD THAT BE A BAD THING?
IT DEPENDS ON THE ALIEN.
I'M A WORTHLESS EMPLOYEE WHO CUTS OUT NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND ROUTES THEM AROUND.
I USED TO MAKE SURE THE ARTICLES WERE RELEVANT, BUT THAT WAS MORE WORK THAN IT WAS WORTH.
I SAW THIS ALREADY.
IT'S FROM YOUR PAPER. YOU ALWAYS LEAVE IT IN THE THIRD STALL.
APPARENTLY MY BOSS HAS BEEN REPLACED BY A HIGHLY INTELLIGENT ALIEN.
THAT MEANS MY REAL BOSS IS BEING HELD CAPTIVE IN SOME SORT OF HIDEOUS ALIEN PRISON.
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO ABOUT IT?
IT WAS JUST AN OBSERVATION.
DO YOU MIND IF I JUMP ON THE GARBAGE?
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT WHEN I SEE A FRESH PILE OF GARBAGE, I JUST WANT TO JUMP UP AND DOWN ON IT.
THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE SILLY.
YEE-HA!!
TELL US YOUR MANAGEMENT SECRETS, EARTHLING.
YOU HAVE TOO MANY FULL-TIME ALIENS FLYING THIS UFO. DOWNSIZE HALF OF THEM, THEN ROLL OUT THE ISO 9001 PROCESS.
... BUT DESPITE ALL OF MY HELP, THEY STILL PLOWED INTO A SNOW-COVERED ALP.
LET'S SEE WHAT'S ON MY SCHEDULE TODAY.
"GIVE VIGOROUS WEDGIE TO MYSELF."
YOU'RE RIGHT – HE WILL DO WHATEVER IS ON HIS SCHEDULE.
OW!
VIGOROUSLY?
MY BOSS TOLD ME TO BUY A BUNCH OF EQUIPMENT WE DON'T NEED.
THAT WAY OUR BUDGET WON'T GET CUT NEXT YEAR.
I'M SO PROUD OF YOU, SON.
HOW DO YOU SAY THAT WITH A STRAIGHT FACE?
I TRY TO IMAGINE YOU AS A NAVY SEAL.
MEETING WITH A VENDOR
I'M LARRY.
AND THESE PEOPLE ARE MY VAST ARRAY OF UNNECESSARY TAG-ALONGS.
WHAT DOES YOUR PRODUCT DO?
WE DIDN'T BRING THE GUY WHO KNOWS THAT.
... AND WE'LL BUY A DOZEN OF THESE. WE'RE TRYING TO SPEND OUR BUDGET SO IT DOESN'T GET CUT NEXT YEAR.
THIS IS GREAT! YOU GUYS ARE SO DUMB THAT I DON'T EVEN HAVE TO USE MY FAKE PERSONALITY TO MAKE THE SALE!
... AND NINE OF THESE BLUE THINGS.
THERE'S A FULL MOON ON THE HORIZON!
CATBERT: EVIL H.R. DIRECTOR
I'M GROSSLY UNDER-PAID FOR THE TYPE OF WORK I DO NOW.
WRITE A DESCRIPTION OF YOUR CURRENT DUTIES. I'LL BE HAPPY TO DO A COMPENSATION REVIEW.
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SADLY, IT APPEARS YOU'RE NOT QUALIFIED FOR YOUR OWN JOB. BUT ONE OF YOUR SUBORDINATES IS.
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POLICE LOG

The following incidents were reported to the Campus Police between July 1 and July 29. Information is compiled from the Campus Police's weekly crime summary and from dispatcher logs.

This report does not include alarms, general service calls, or incidents not reported to the dispatcher.

July 1: Bldg. 13, toxic gas alarm; Bldg. 6, door knob stolen from Eastman Lobby, unknown value.

July 2: Walker, suspicious activity; Bldg. E25, malicious damage to card reader; Vassar St. and Mass. Ave., provided assistance to non-affiliated intoxicated female; Bldg. E19, tool bag reported stolen, later discovered misplaced; Bldg. 13, toxic gas alarm, no cause found; 33 Mass. Ave., bike secure with U-lock stolen, no known value; Sigma Kappa, credit cards stolen.

July 3: Bldg. WW15, abandoned vehicle towed.

July 4: Bldg. E23, suspicious person; Bldg. E53, bike stolen sometime between May and July, $150; Bldg. 56, credit cards stolen; East Campus, items thrown from window at pedestrians striking and injuring same; Bldg. 4, animal problem in 4-250.

July 5: Kappa Sigma, assist other police department in looking for missing person; 500 Memorial Dr., noise complaint, all quiet.

July 6: Westgate, bicycle stolen, $40; Amherst St., minor motor vehicle accident, one operator taken into custody for an outstanding warrant; Bldg. W85, bike seat stolen; Bldg. 7, Adam Gottleib, of unknown address, arrested for trespassing.

July 7: Student Center turnaround, minor motor vehicle accident; Bldg. E55, check on well being of a child; Bldg. NW30, Martin Smith, of 784 Washington Street, Dorchester, MA, taken into custody on an outstanding warrant.

July 8: 199 Bay State Rd, credit card stolen; Safe Ride driver harassed by group of youths; Bldg. W51, fire alarm; Beta Theta Pi, credit cards stolen.

July 9: New House, gas leak; Hayden Library, suspicious person; Bldg. NW12, unwanted person.

July 10: Bldg. E60, larceny of laptop computer, $3,424; Hermann Garage, damage to motor vehicle; Bldg. 6, chemical spill of one gram of Methyl Iodide.

July 11: Burton Connor, loud party; Bldg. 20, suspicious activity.

July 12: Bldg. W11, larceny of bicycle, $115; Ashdown House, fire alarm; W20, larceny of bicycle, $300; Bldg. 14, suspicious person.

July 13: Bldg. E51, two attempted breaking and enterings; Bldg. 68, fire alarm; Bldg. N42, lost child discovered, returned to parents; Bldg. E51, Larceny of VCR; Bldg. 20, bike stolen.

July 14: New House, larceny of bicycle, $450; Bldg. 4, larceny of laser printer, $1,957; Bldg. 4, suspicious activity; Bldg. 54, suspicious activity; Bldg. 54, Arrest (2 subjects), trespass after notice; Bldg. E52, harassing e-mail; Student Center, larceny of airline tickets, $1100; Bldg. 54, larceny of credit cards; Alpha Tao Omega, larceny of bicycle, $350. Bldg. N42, lost child.

July 15: Student Center, unauthorized party at Toscanini's; Bldg. 6, harassing mail; Killian Court, Suspicious Person; Bldg. 35, Larceny of wallet, $20.

July 16: Bldg. 1, report of suspicious person.

July 17: Beta Theta Pi, report of bottles being thrown from roof of the bldg. at Boston University police officers; Killian Court, generator stolen, $1,625; Bldg. 68, fire alarm caused by smoke backwash.

July 18: Bldg. E19, vending machine broken into, food items stolen; Rockwell Cage, wallet and cellphone stolen, $80; Beacon St., assist Boston Police with suspicious activity.

July 19: 500 Memorial Dr., report of two missing students from summer program, same later returned; Westgate lot, Honda broken into and airbag stolen; Bldg. 8, chilled water pipe broke causing water damage to area; 500 Memorial Dr., report of missing student from summer program, same later returned.

July 20: Killian Court, air compressor stolen; Bldg. 14, printer and power adapter stolen, $250; Phi Beta Epsilon, two wallets and watches stolen, $138; Bldg. 42, suspicious person stopped, checked out okay; Bldg. E23, several small items stolen, $43; Memorial Dr., assist State Police, lightening struck a tree and flying debris caused damage to two vehicles; Theta Xi, 1) laptop stolen, $3,700, 2) wallet stolen, $100; Bldg. 56, bike secured with a cable stolen, $198.

July 21: Area of Bldg. N52, male arrested for malicious destruction of property (taxi cab) and assault and battery of police officers; Bldg. 14, annoying phone calls; Bldg. NW30, boiler stolen, $3,000; Bldg. 2, Robert Dubuc of 152 Gore St., Cambridge, MA arrested for trespassing; Phi Beta Epsilon, motorcycle helmet stolen, $150; Bldg. Bldg. E38, harassing phone call; Briggs Field, wallet and cash stolen, $80; Bldg. 56, bike stolen.

July 22: Pierce boathouse, security problem, same corrected.

July 23: Ashdown House, problem with contractor, damage to bicycle; Carlton St, motor vehicle accident, no injuries.

July 24: Bldg. E34, harassing e-mail; Albany Lot, motor vehicle accident, no injuries; Bldg. 6, larceny of CD player and compact discs, $330; Bexley Hall, larceny of bicycle, $80.

July 25: Westgate, suspicious activity; Ashdown House, larceny of cell phone, $270; East Garage Annex, property damage to motor vehicle; Bldg. W20, larceny of cash, $984.

July 26: Bldg. W20, motor vehicle accident, no injuries; Bldg. W84, complaint of loud music; Bldg. 20, suspicious activity.

July 27: East Campus, larceny of clothing, $490; Bldg. 41, intoxicated person, transported to MIT Medical; Random Hall, larceny of bicycle, $350; Bldg. E60, Harassing e-mail and phone calls; Burton-Connor, larceny of laptop, $5,000; Bldg. 68, malicious destruction of property.

July 28: Bldg. 14, larceny of computer scanner; MIT Coop, larceny of software; Bldg. 35, larceny of cordless phone/answering machine, $270; Student Center, 1) larceny of computer software; 2) arrest of Arun Sannuti, for larceny and assault and battery on a police officer; Zeta Psi, larceny of bicycle, $250; Alpha Delta Phi, suspicious activity, item thrown from upper floor. Bldg. 68, vandalism of elevator.

July 29: Bldg. E17, missing person, located; Student Center, larceny of laptop, $1000; Bldg. 66, Lab Explosion, unfounded.

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